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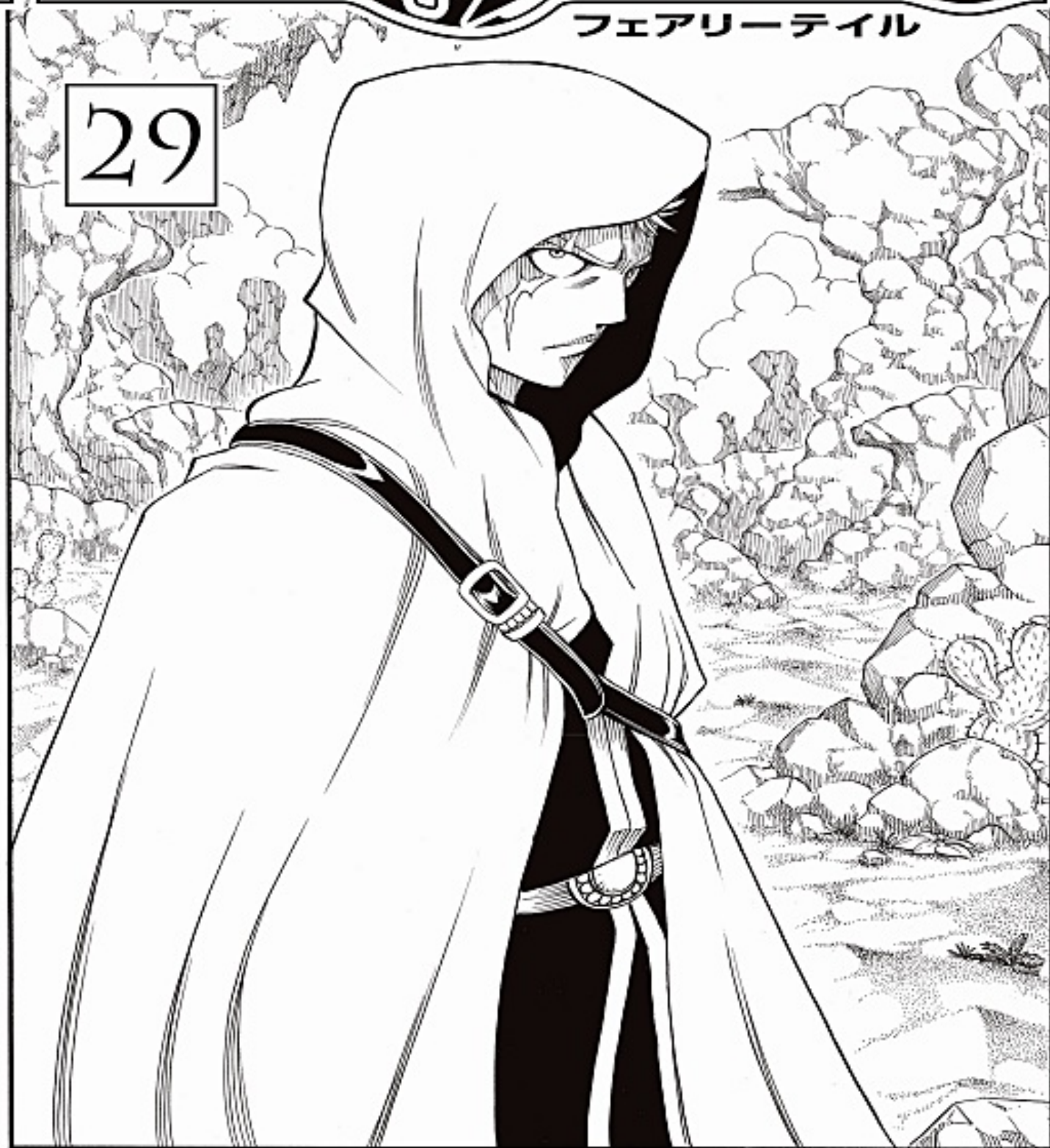


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• Creator of *Rave Master*

Fairy Tail

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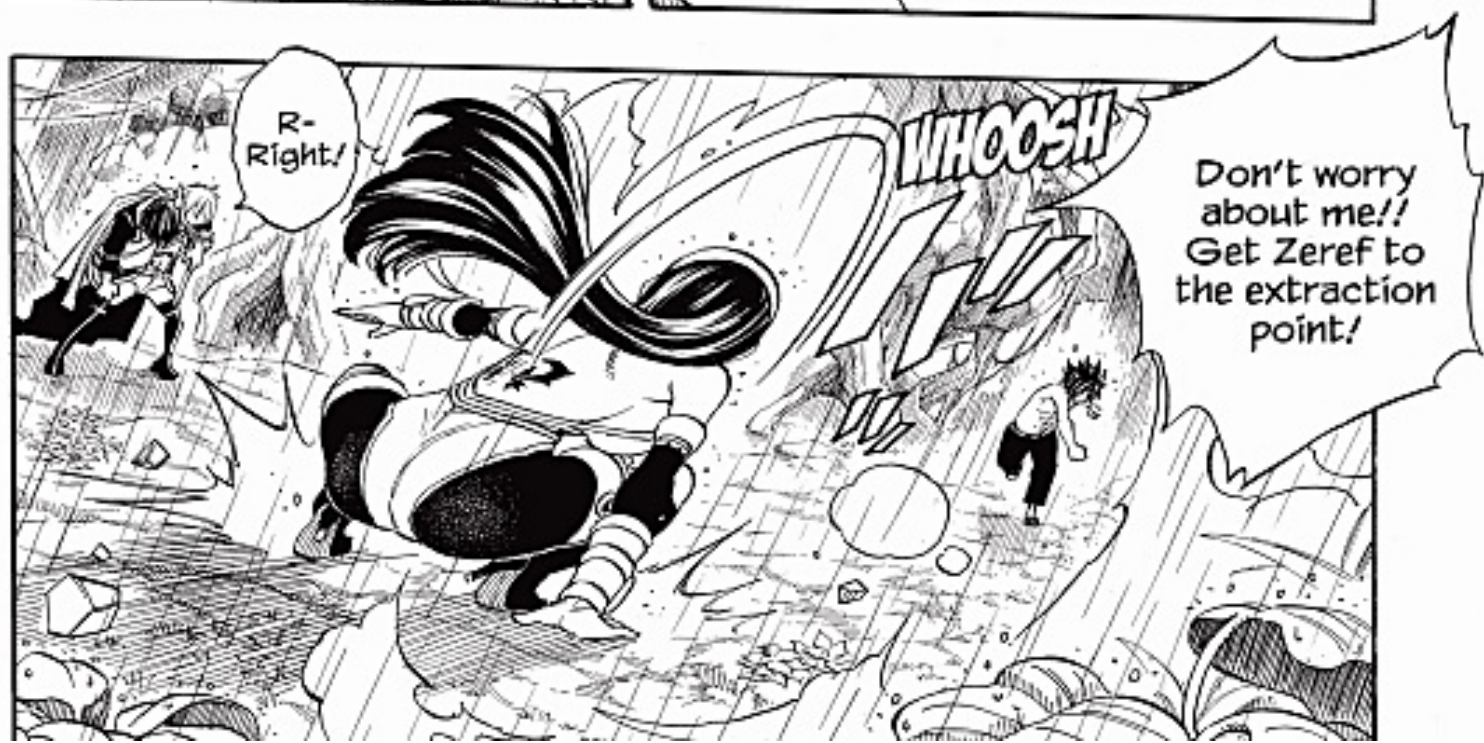
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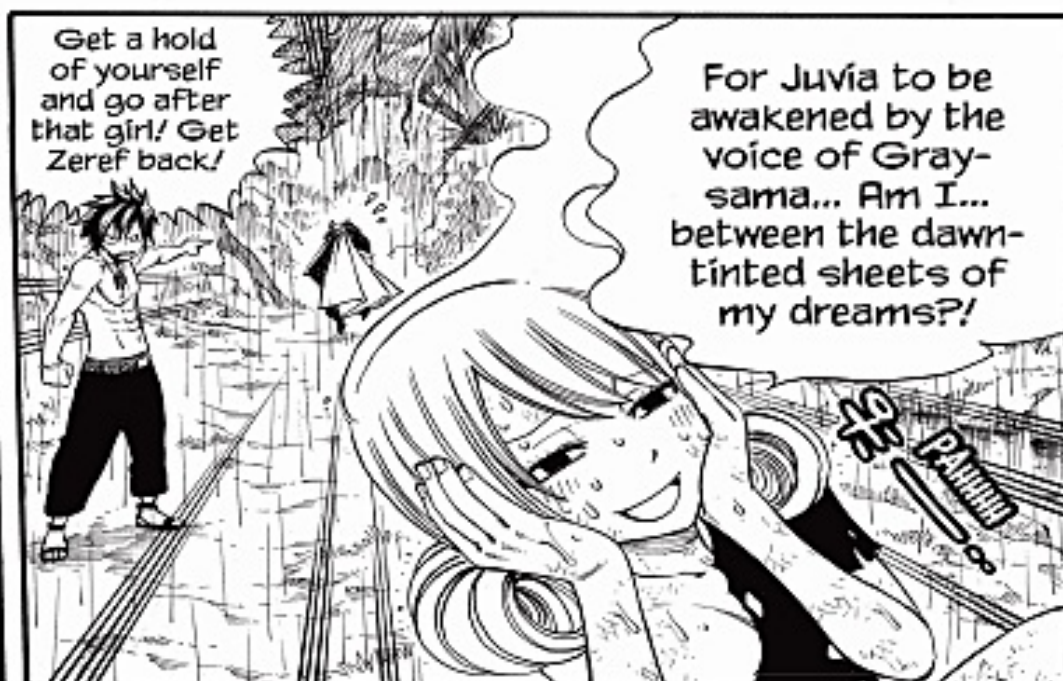
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Chapter 240: Gray vs. Ultear







Eeeeeeeee!

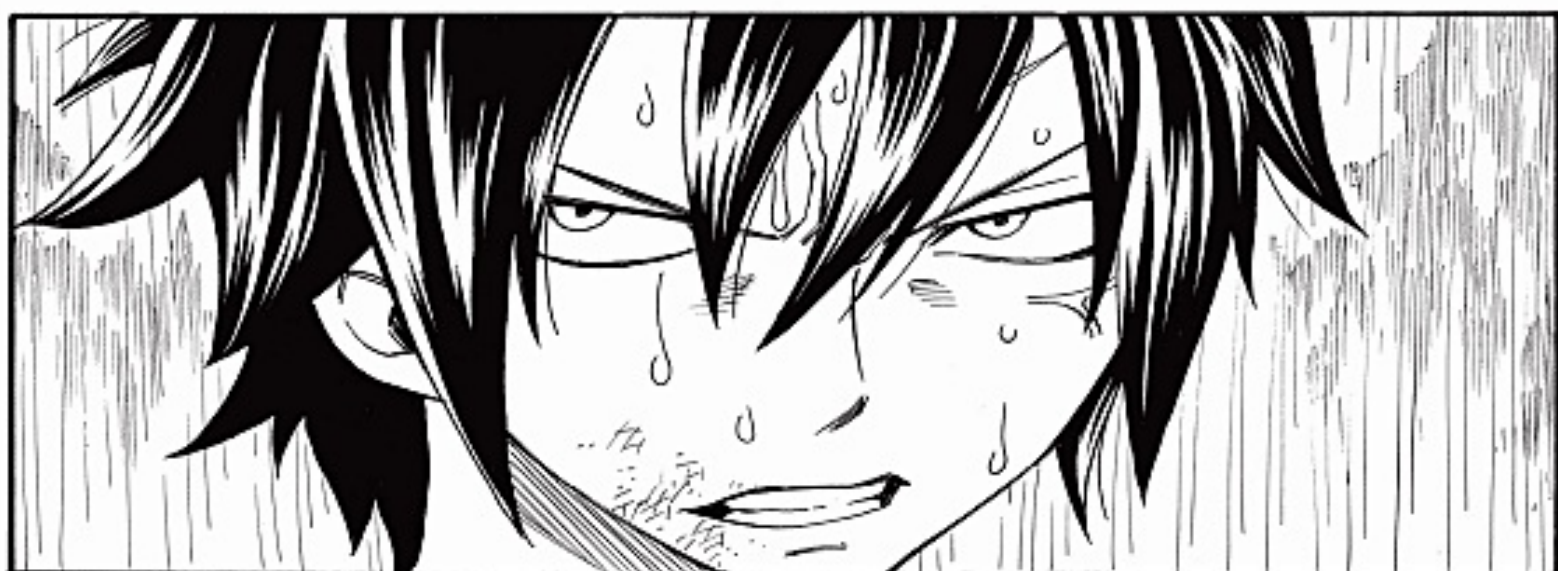
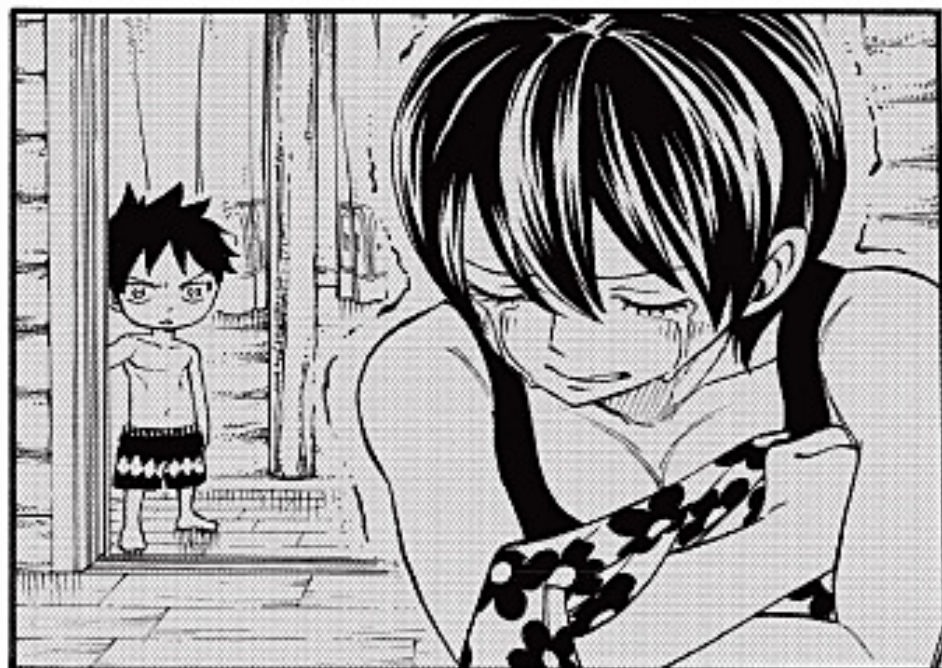
Pain is
as nothing to
Juvia compared
to Gray-sama's
commands!









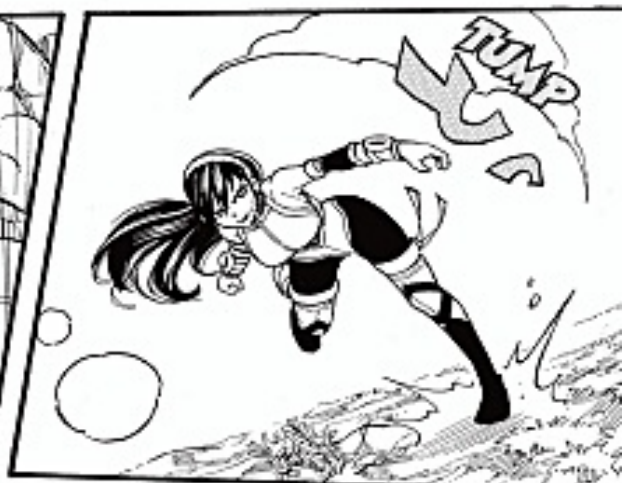


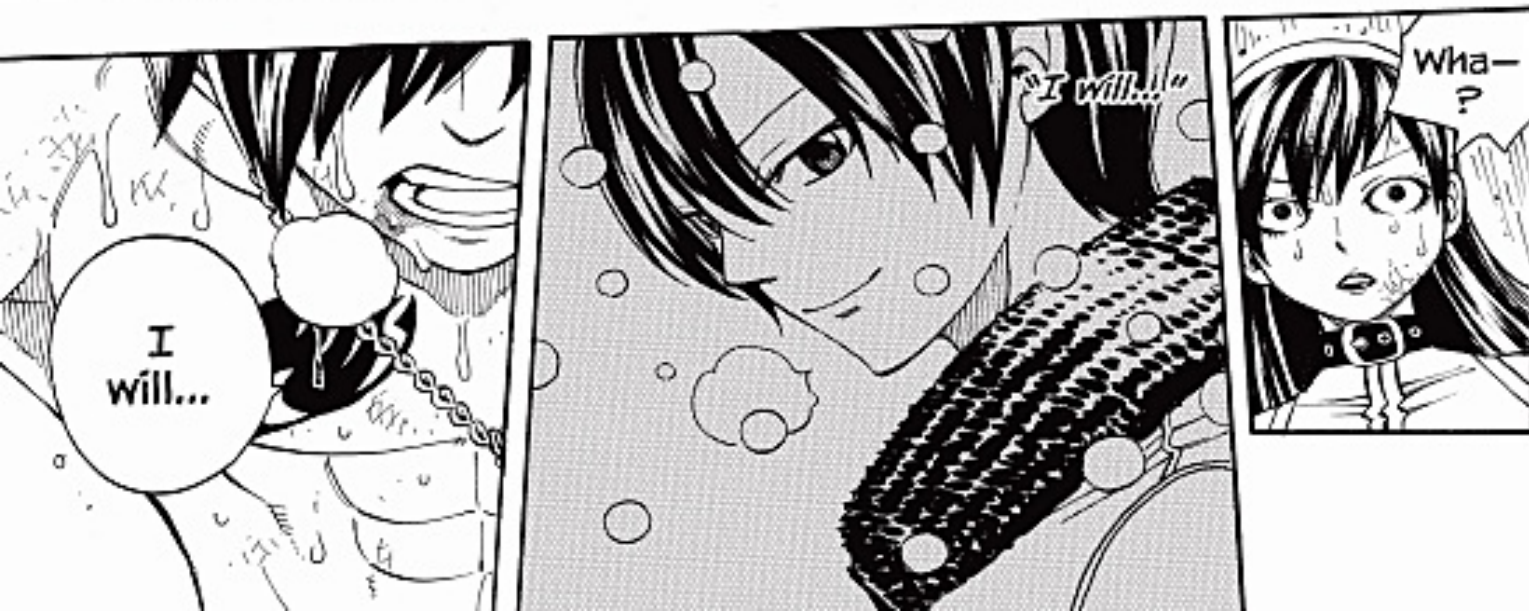


...always thinking of you!!

...always thinking of you!!











**ICE
BLADE:
SEVEN
SLICE
DANCE
!!!!**

KRAKOW







They don't
lack for
commitment...

Cutting
themselves
up and
breaking
their own
bones...

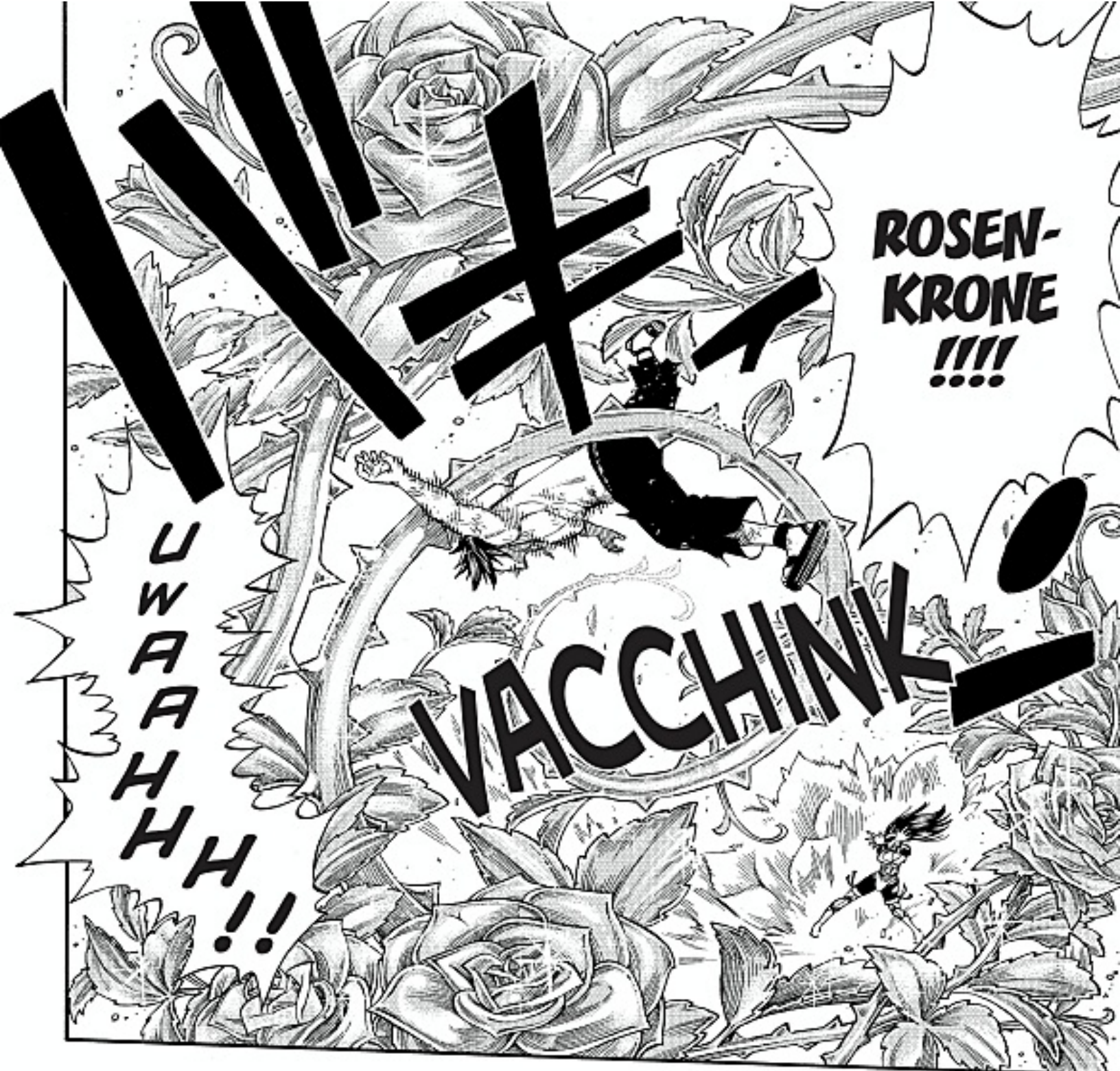


But
I...



But...



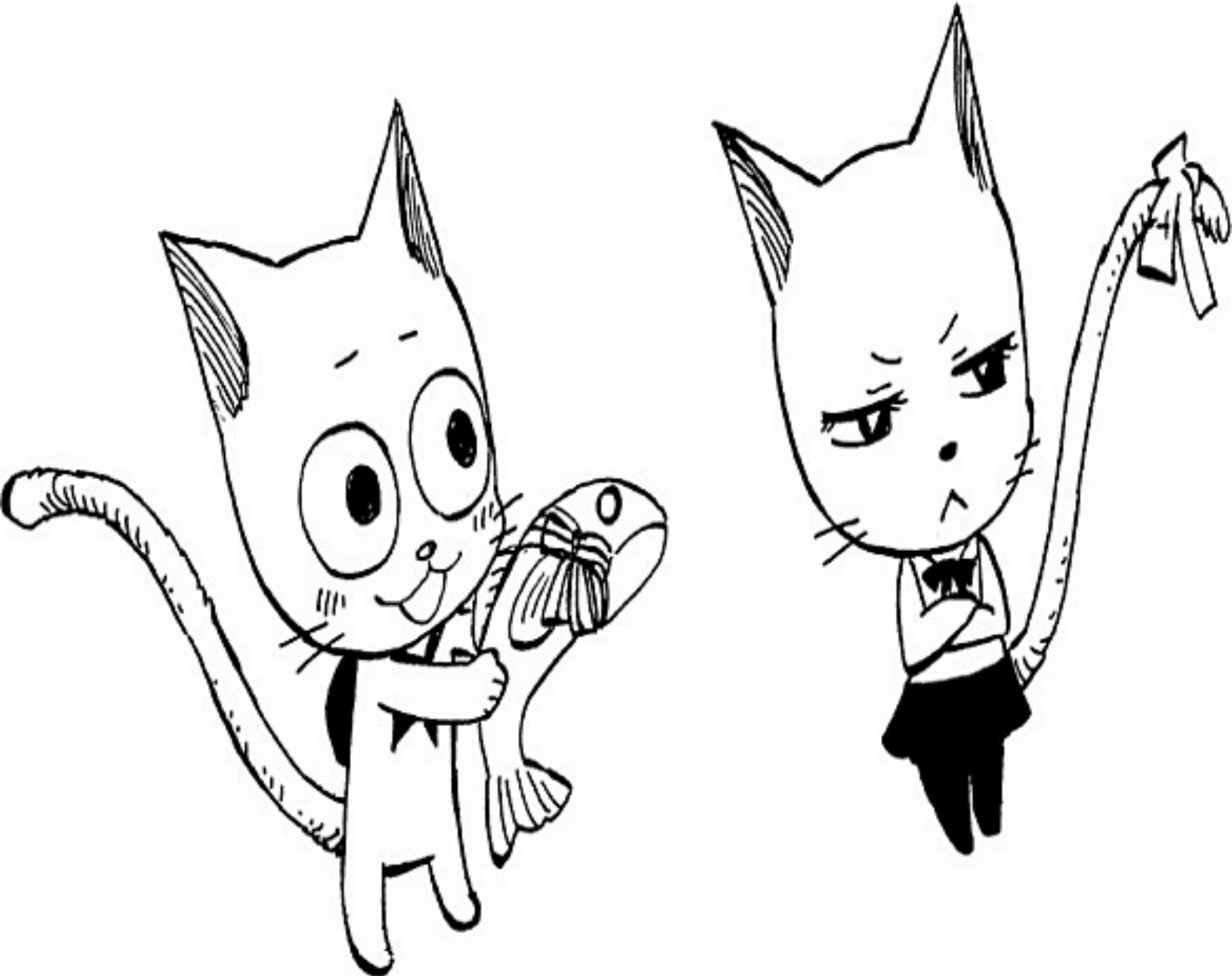






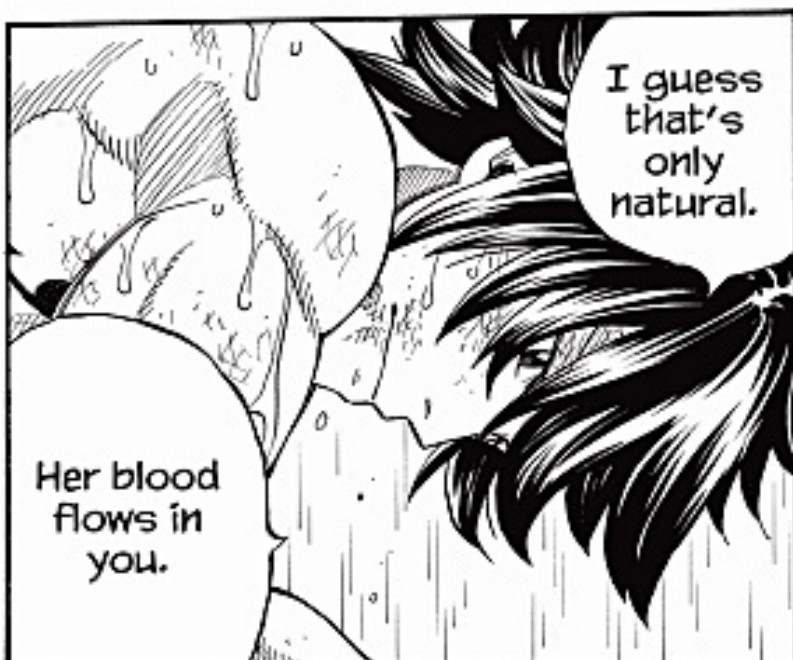
Chapter 241: The Power of "Life"





 **FAIRYTAIL**







What is
wrong with
you?!!!

TUMBLE

How did
you turn
out this
way?!

WHAM

You
could
never
under-
stand!!!

VWOOM
VWOOM
VWOOM
VWOOM

TUMBLE

Shut
your
mouth!!!

TUMBLE

TUMBLE

TUMBLE

TUMBLE

VWOOSH



I
was...



...
abandoned
by my
mother...



One day, I
finally managed
to escape the
facility, and I
ran back to my
mother's house.



I was just a small child,
but they put me through
experiments to increase
my magical power, until
they'd completely broken
down my body and mind.

... and
then...



But when I
got there,
I saw...



... sent
to a
magic
research
facility!



*She
looked
so
happy.*



*I could
never
forgive
her for
that!*



*She
looked
happy...*



...and get
revenge on
my mother!



...to
become
even more
powerful...



I
decided
to go
back
to the
facility
...



...THE
GREAT
MAGIC
WORLD
WILL BE
COMPLETE!



WHEN
ZEREF IS
REVIVED...



Eventually,
I learned of
the existence
of Zeref...

...and of a
Dark Guild
that was
pursuing
him.



Regain the
happiness
we lost...



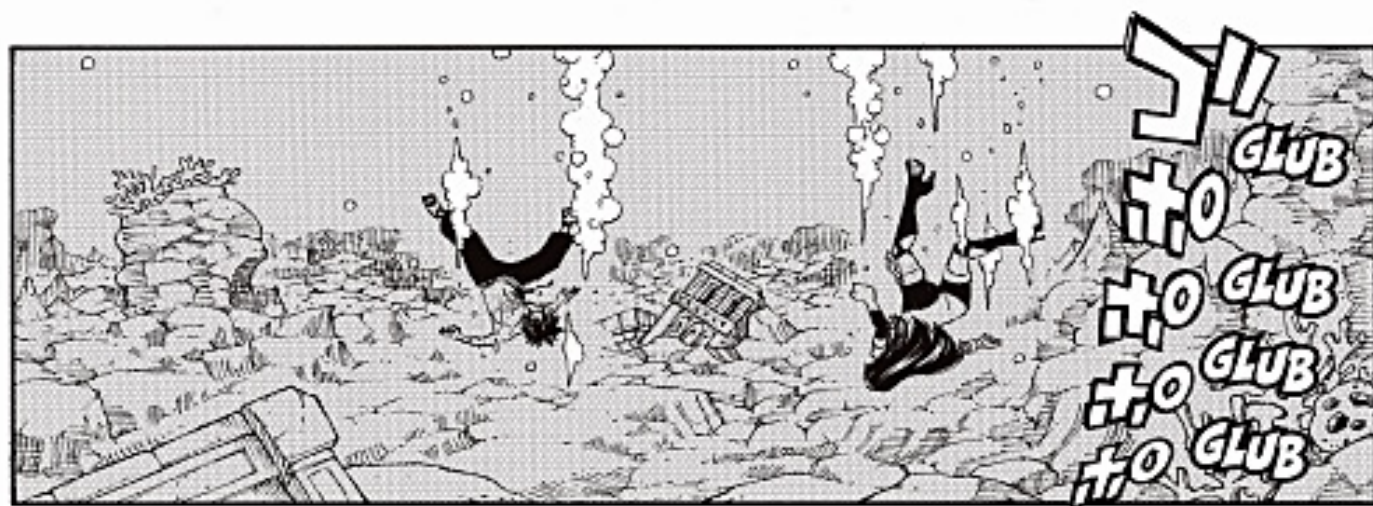
And we
wizards can
regain the
happiness
we lost.

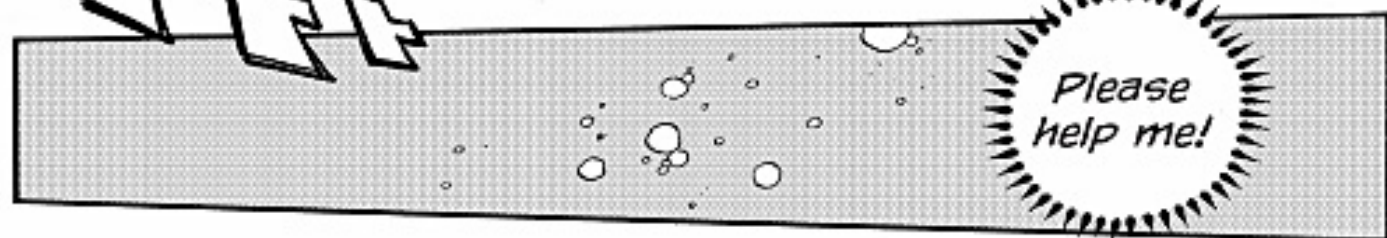
There,
all magic
shall be
free.



Great
Magic
World?



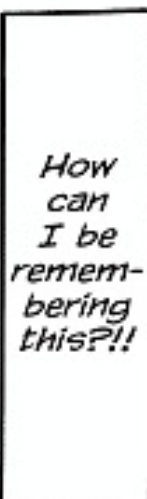
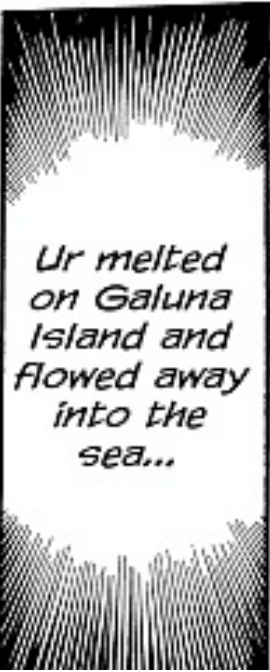
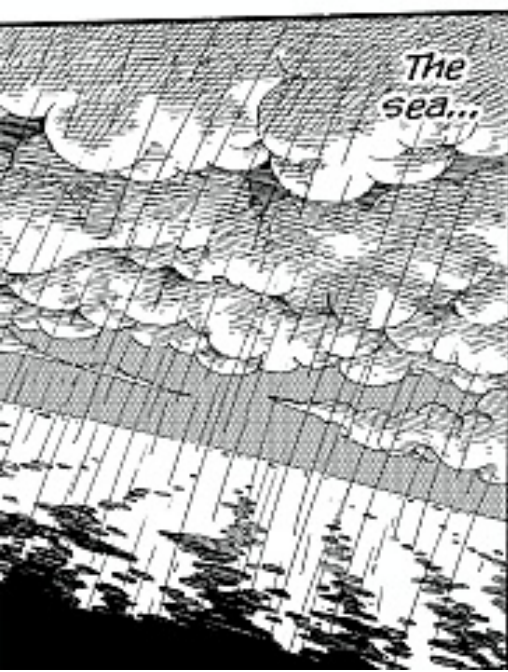




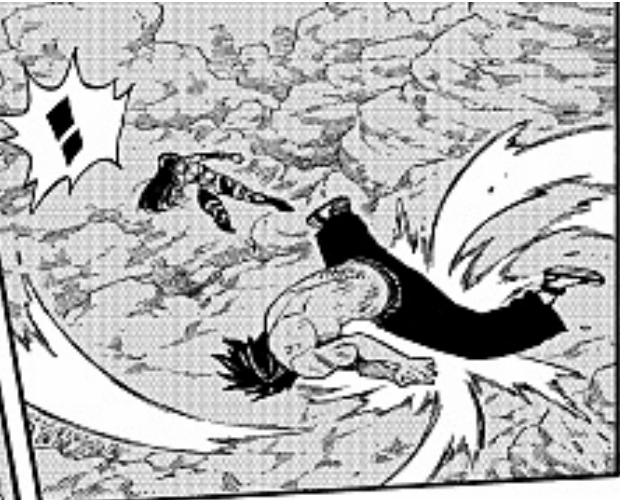


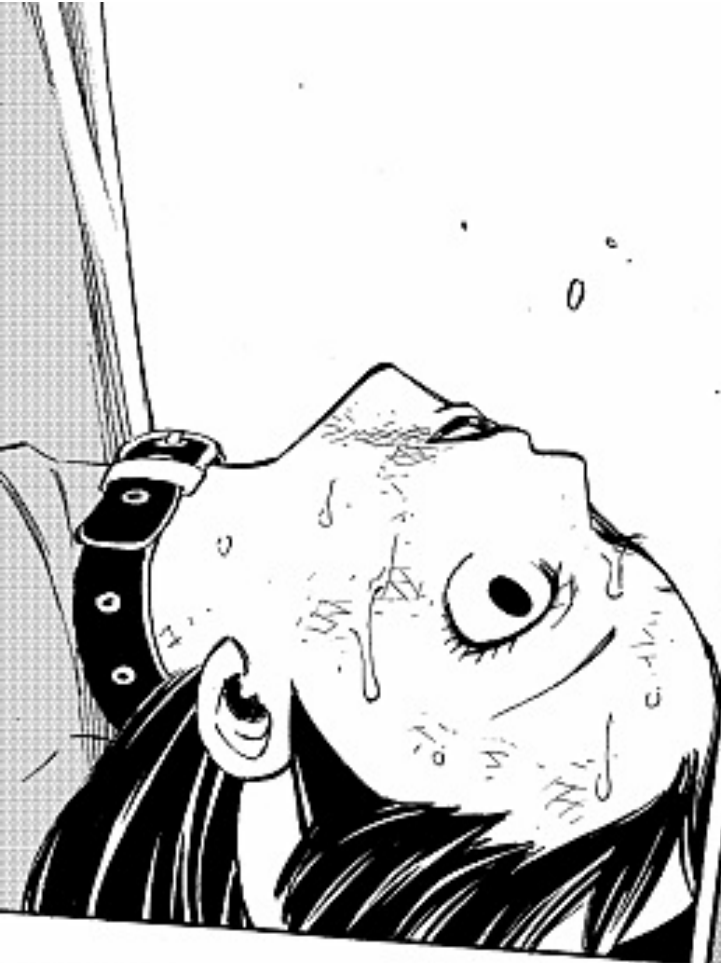
Please help me!

I'm begging you!















My tears
overflowed,
and wouldn't
stop...

It was
the power
of *life*.



...to return
to a time
before I
started
hating my
mother.



...to go
to this
Great
Magic
World...

I
wanted...



"Ur's
tear."

That
child was
proof of
my own
life.



All I
wanted
was to
want to
see my
mother
again...





Well, mine
isn't any-
where near
finished!



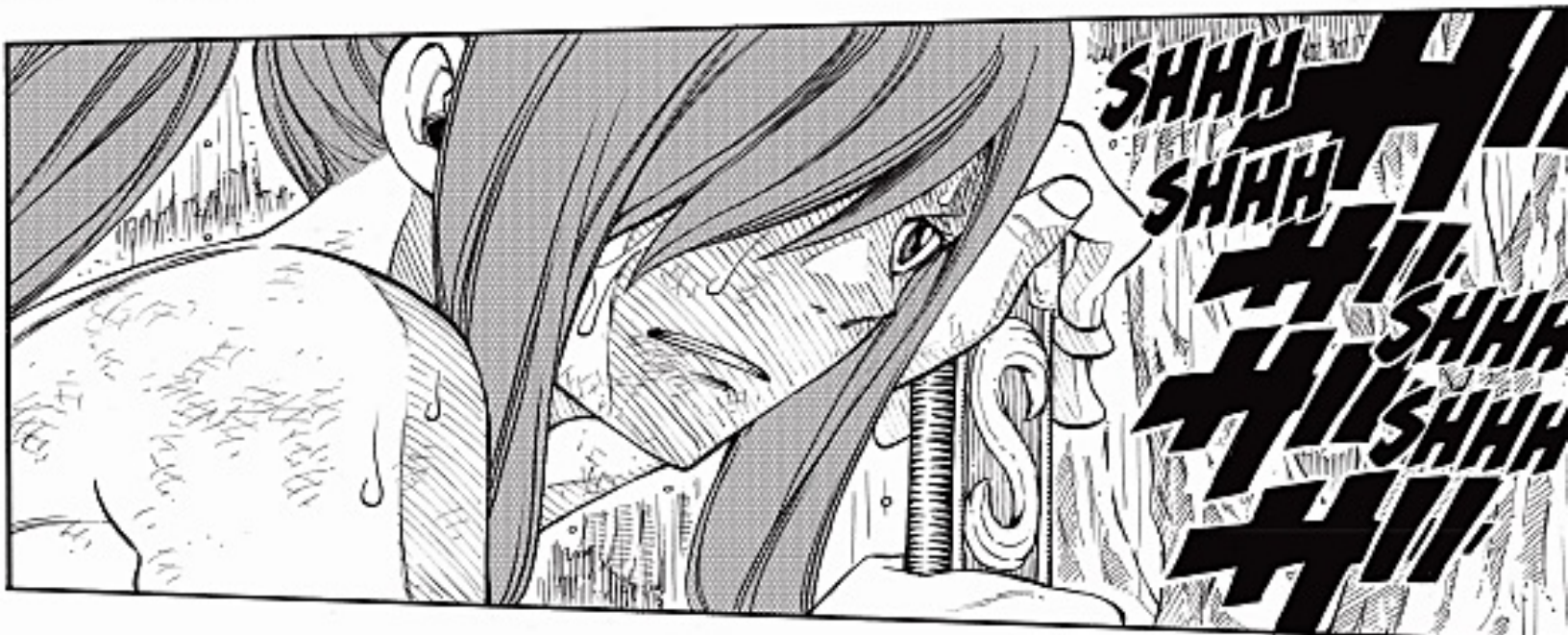
My battle
is over.



You're
probably
right.



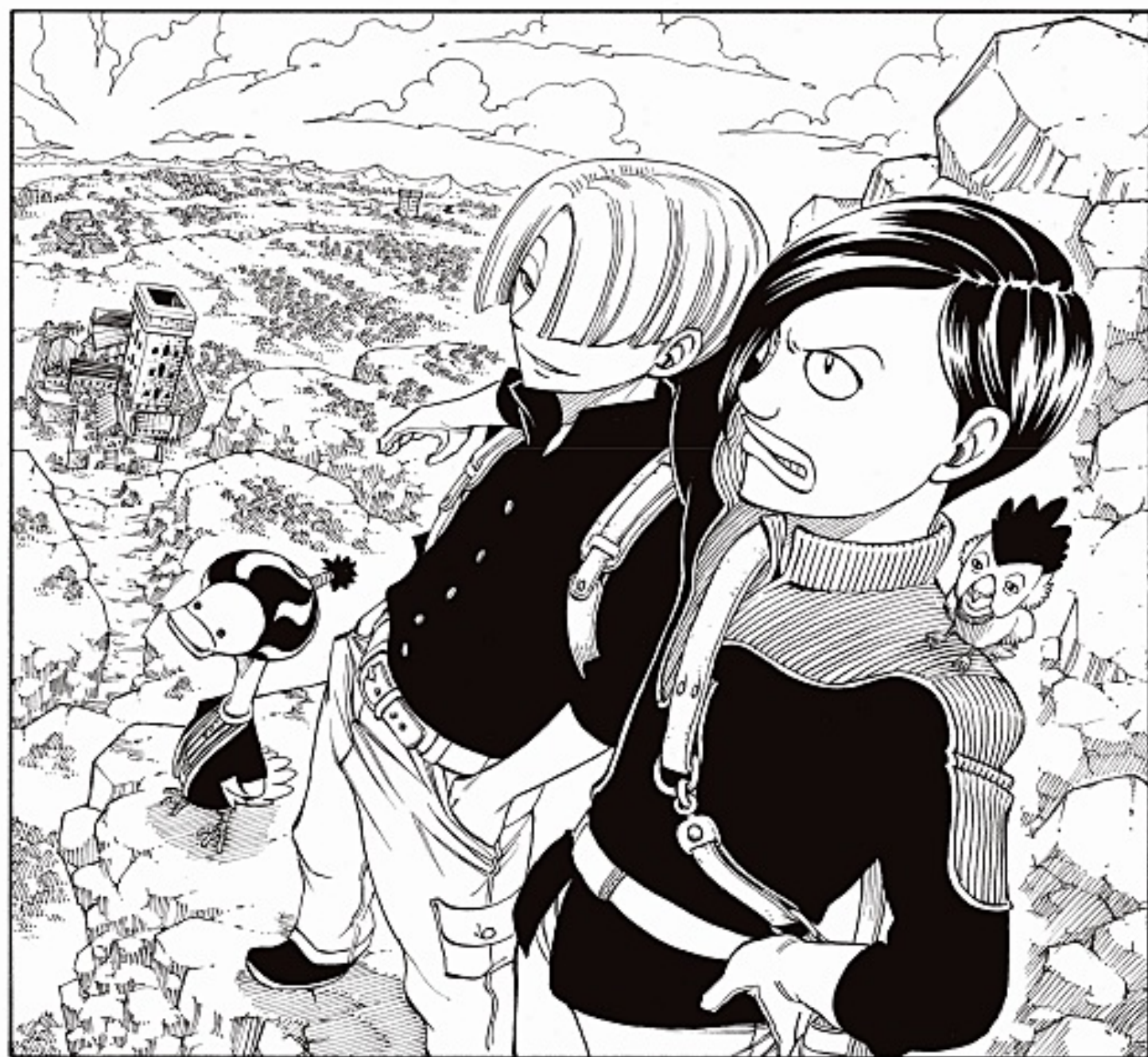
You
can't beat
Hades.



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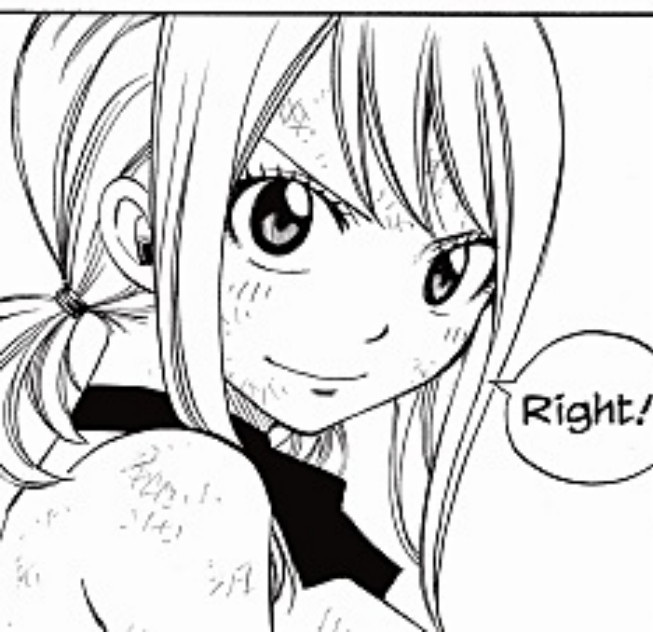
Chapter 242: Acnologia















Right
?!

I knew it!
You plan to
betray us
with Ultear!



No,
I...



I-I'm
just...

Where do
you think
you're taking
Zeref?!



You ain't
a Grimoire
Heart member
anymore
!!!!

W
A
A
H
!!















**If this age
were to come
to an end
now...**

**...then
I might
act once
more.**



**...
Acho-
logia
?!**

**The
word he
spoke
just
now...**

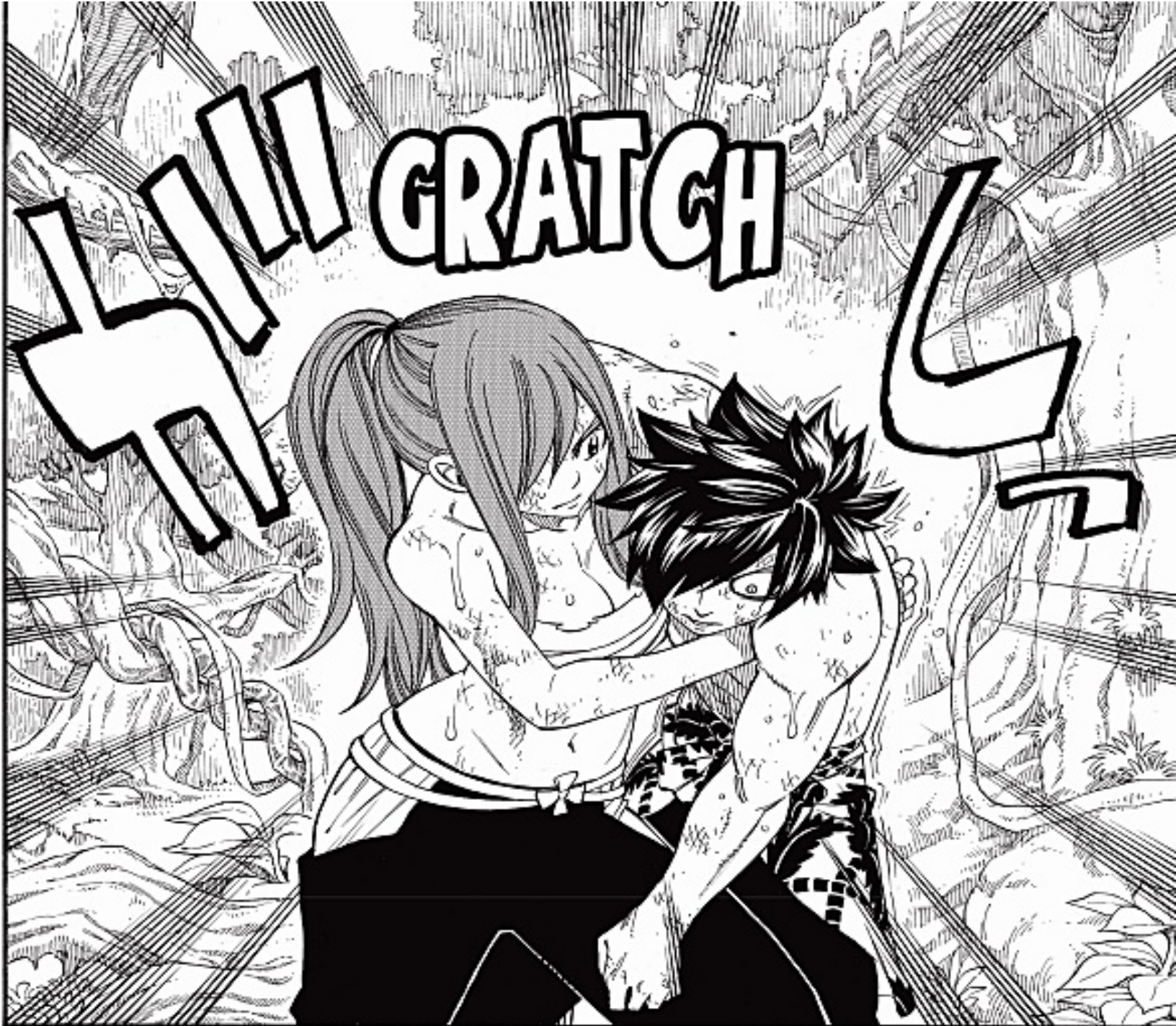


**I wish
you'd come
break me
before that
happens...**



**...
Natsu.**









Now, shall
we play?



The curtain
will fall as a
devil dances
with the
fairies.



But
this is
depress-
ing.

That I should
have to conde-
scend to face
foot soldiers
myself.



...and
even Blue
Note were
defeated!

All
of the
Seven
Kin...

I suppose
I should
compliment
Makarov's
people.

KABOOOM!!

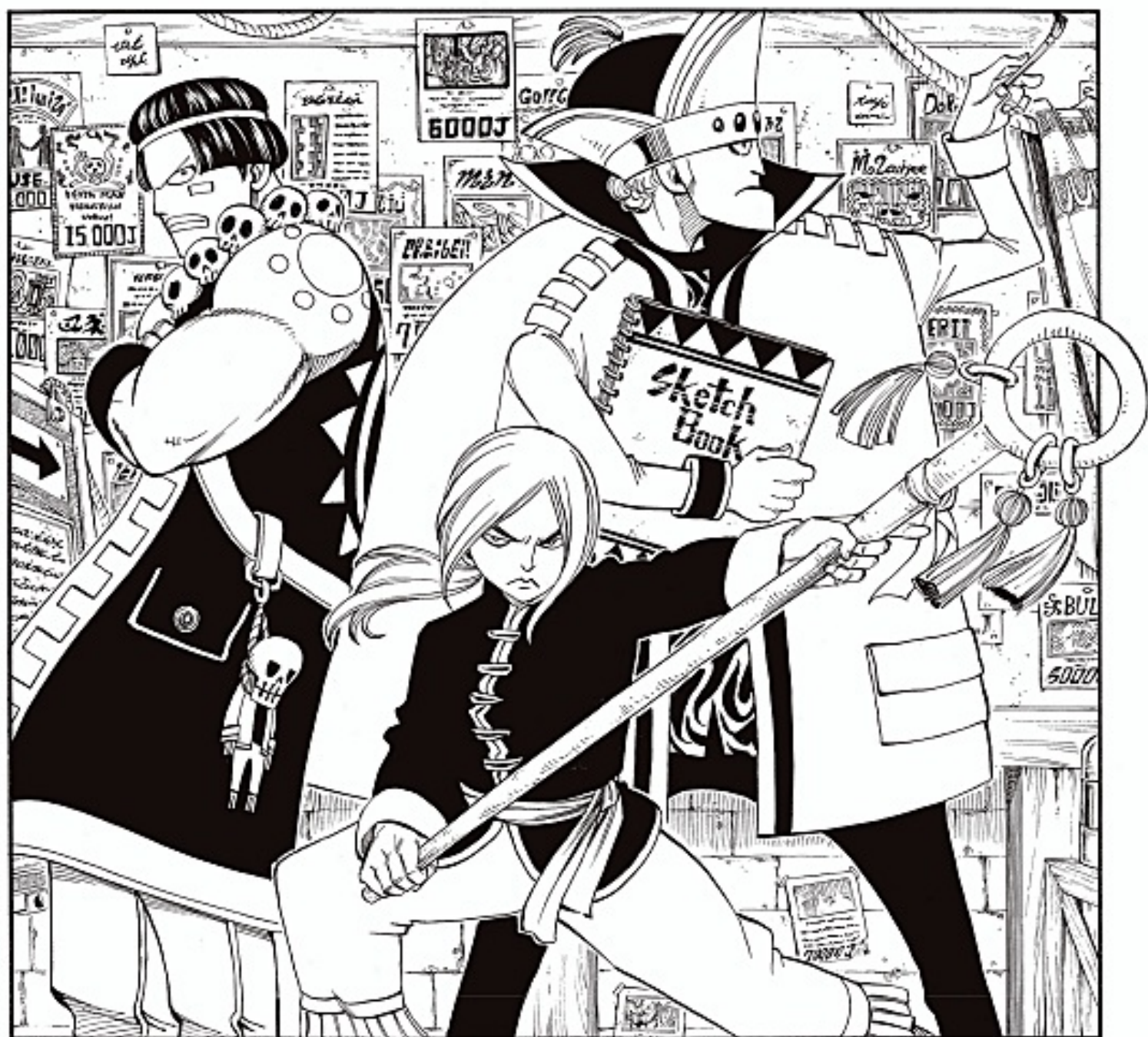
**You of
the third
generation
of Fairy
Tail.**



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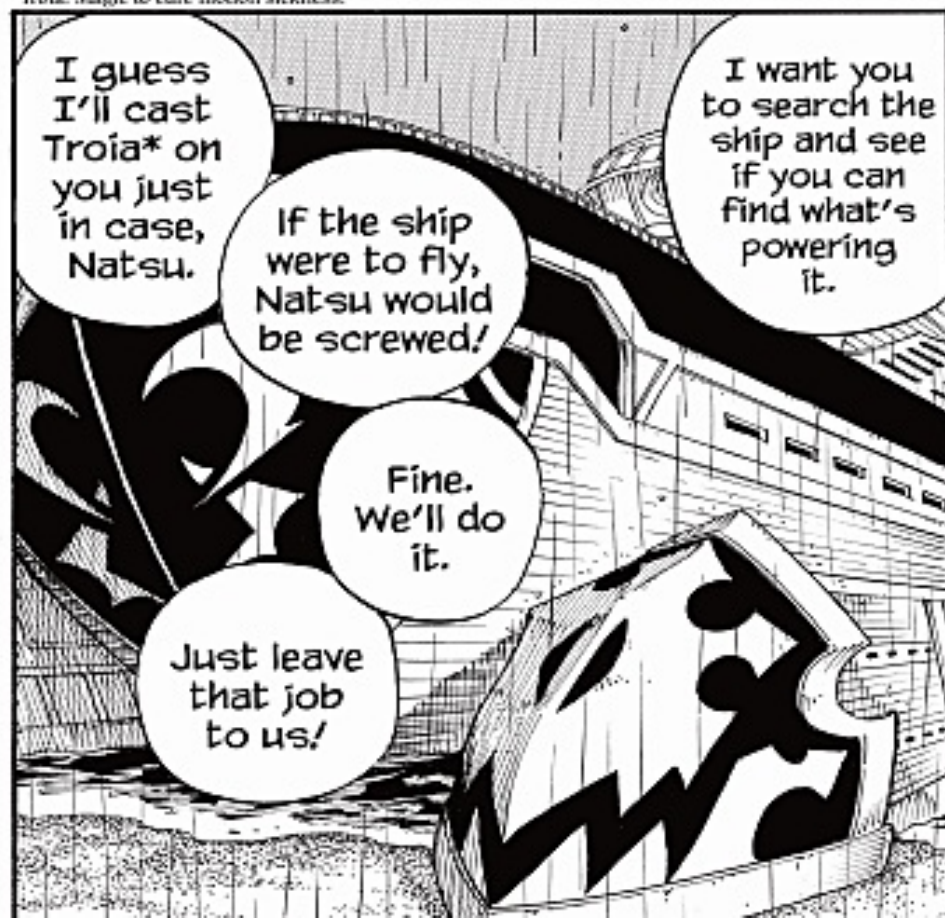
Chapter 243: Errors and Experience







*Troia: Magic to cure motion sickness.



Remember,
he's strong
enough to
surpass even
the Master!

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

WOOOM

Let's work
our way
from the
bottom
up!

We'd
better
get
going
too!

I finally get
my chance to
punch the guy
out!!!! I'm all
fired up!!!!

THUMP

We can't
afford a
second
round !!!!

Let's hit
him with
everything
we've got
!!!!

THUMP

THUMP

Got
it!!!

Go at
him full
power,
right
from
the
start !!

THUMP

THUMP

H
A
D
E
S
!!!

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP



**Get a
taste
of the
power
of Fairy
Tail
!!!!**



...
power?

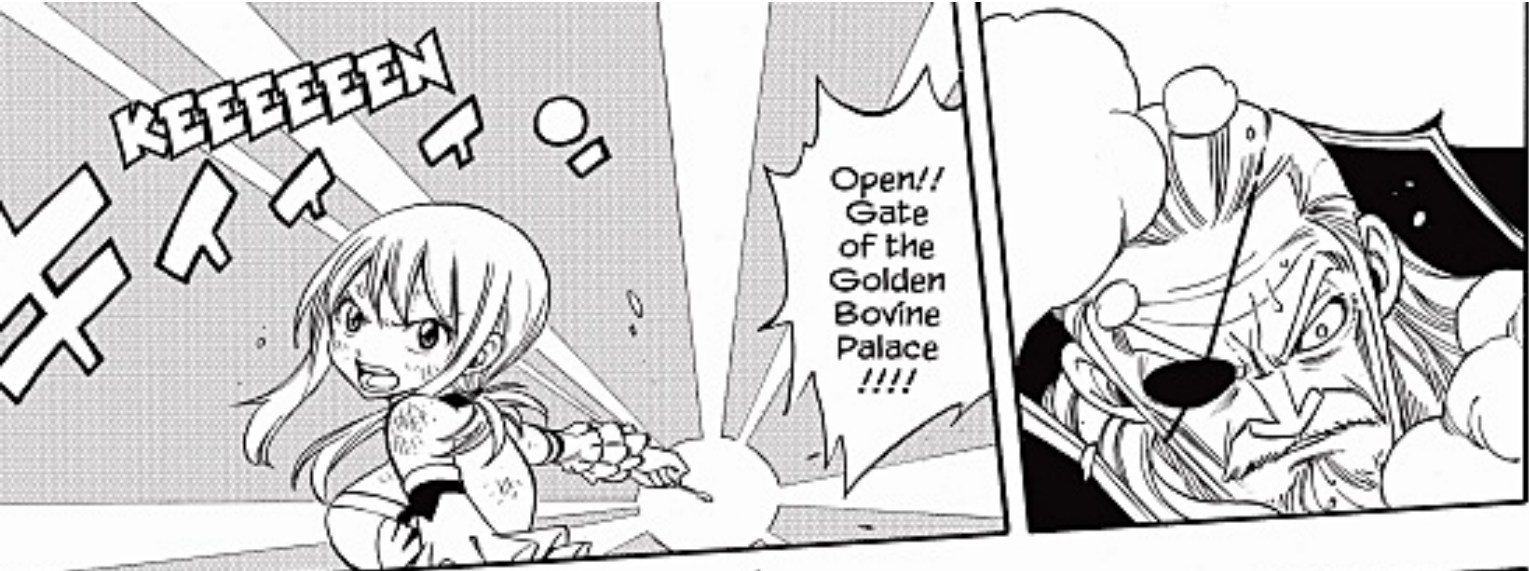
Fairy
Tail's...



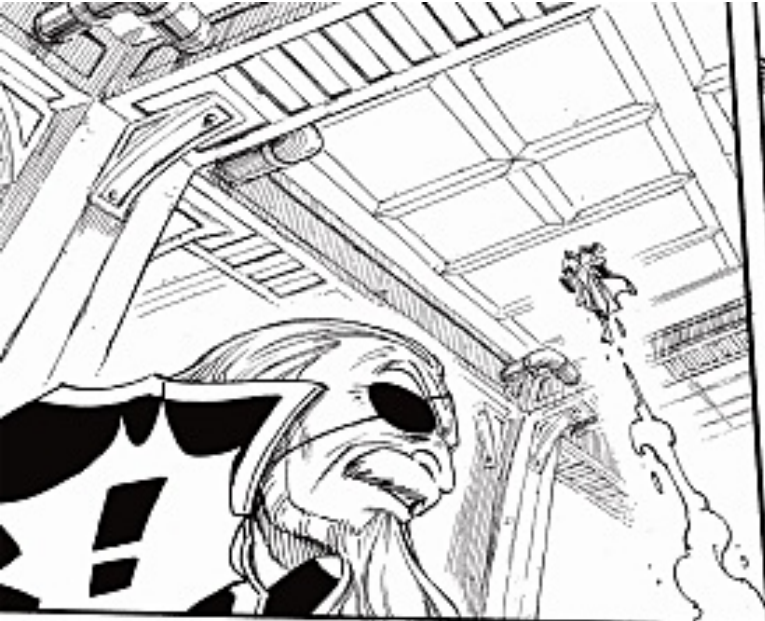


**BLACK
WING:
MOON
BEAM
!!!!**

**COLD
EXCA-
LIBUR
!!!!**

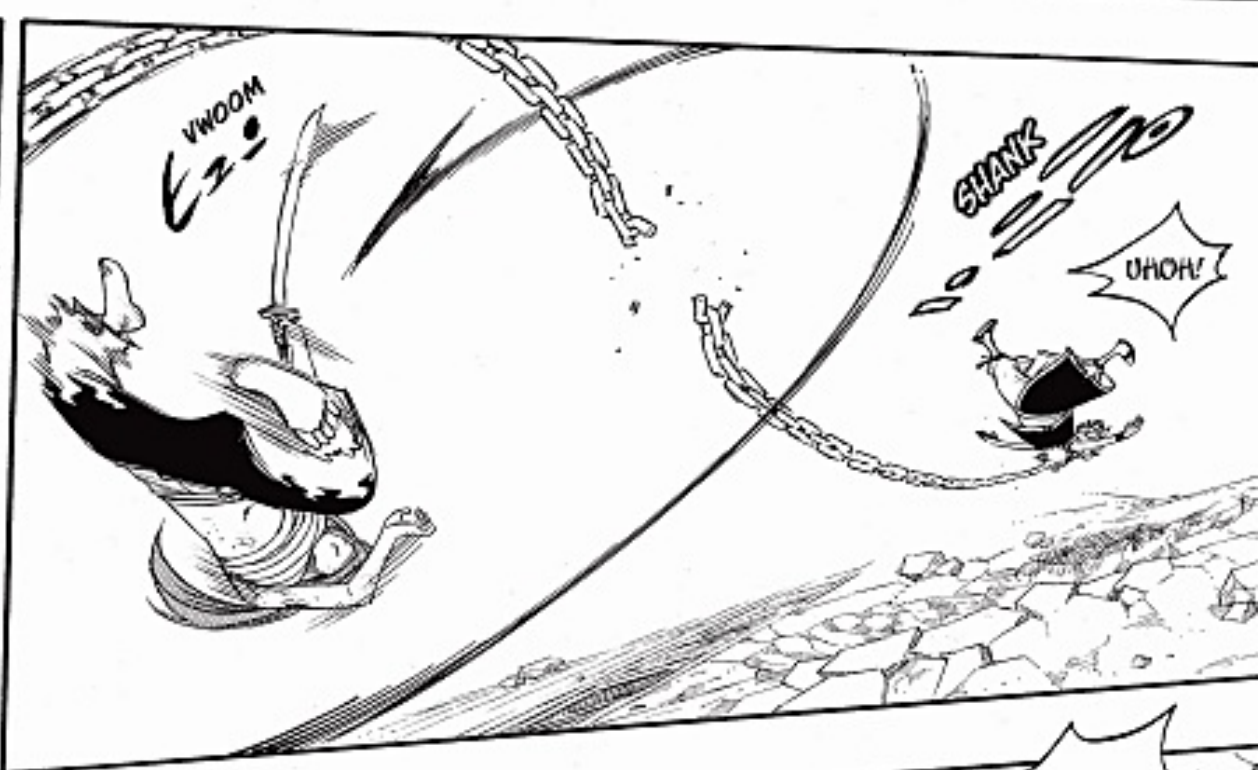
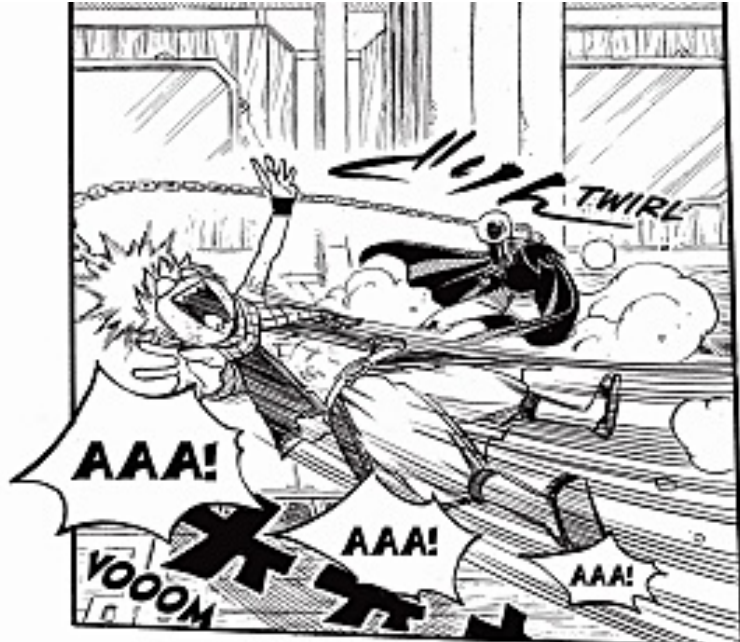




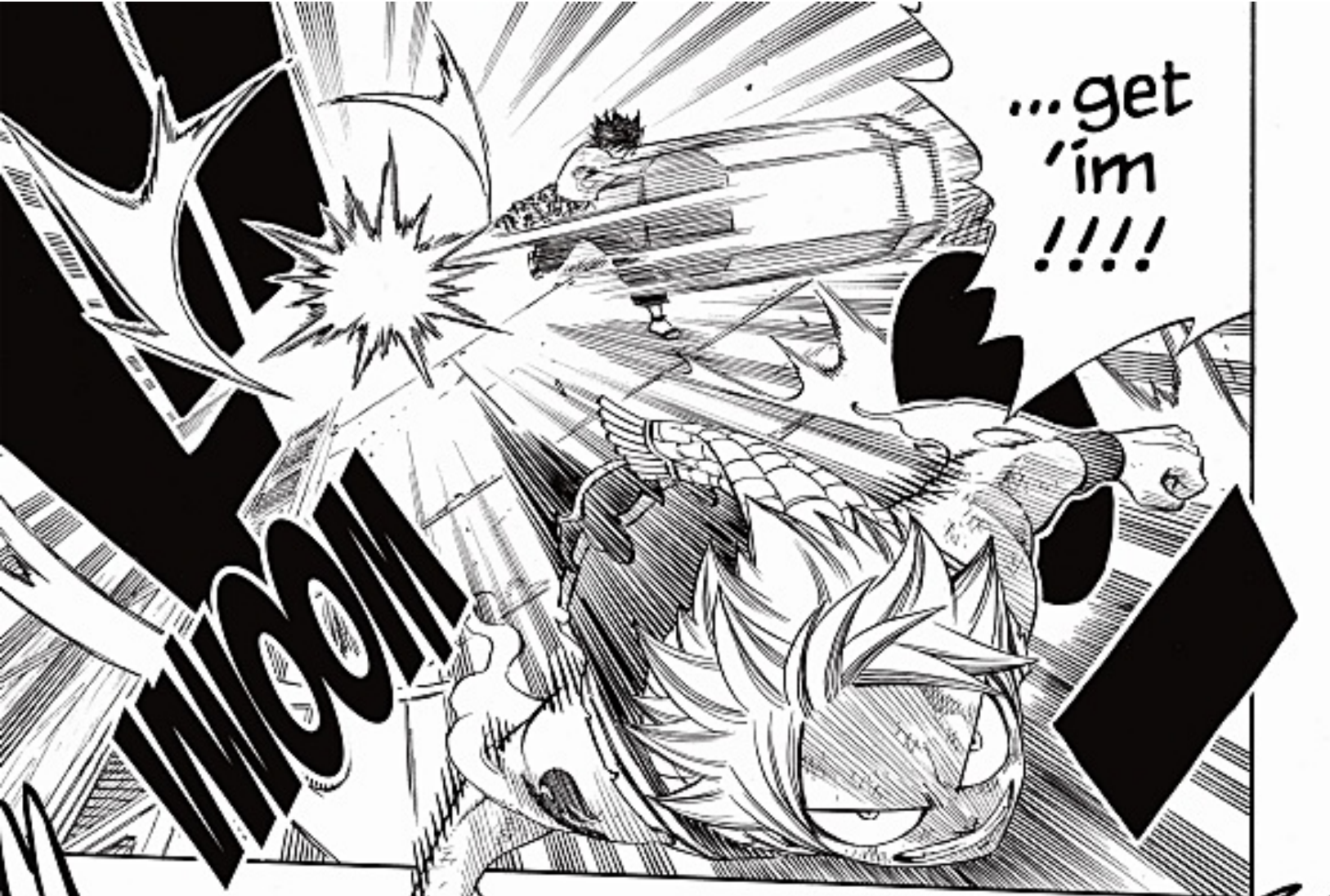


*Fire Dragon's Wing Attack





...get
'im
!!!!



SCORPIO
!!!!

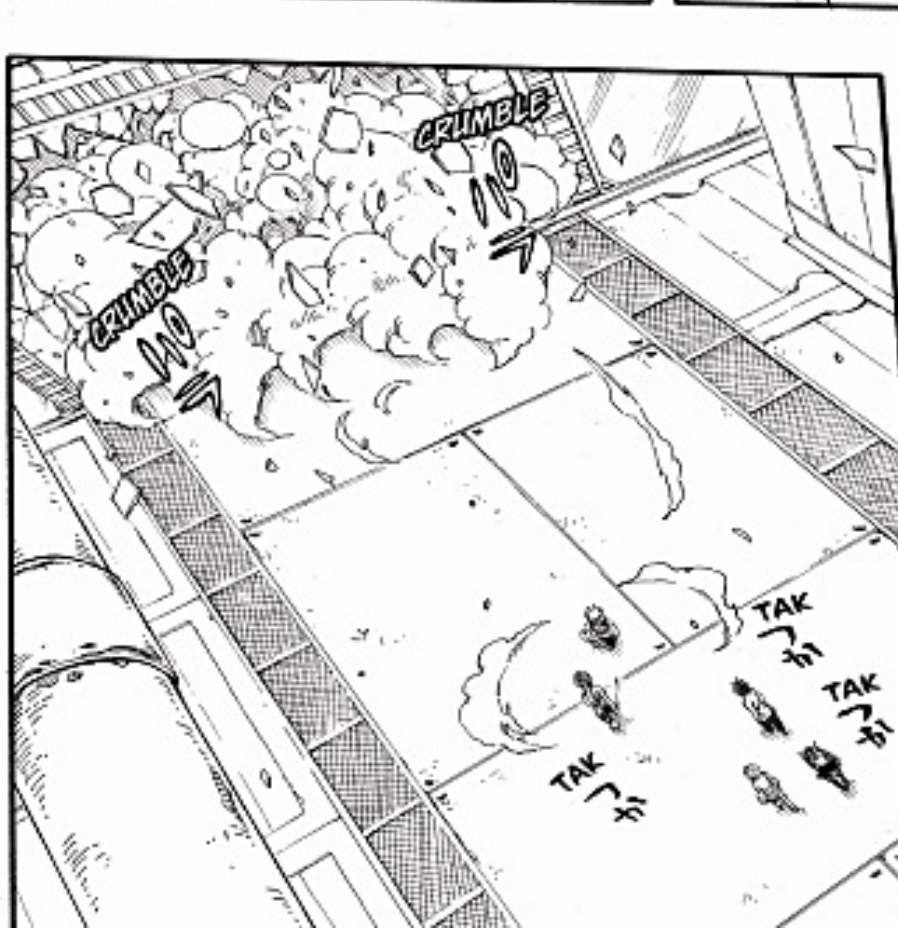
*Sky Dragon's Roar!

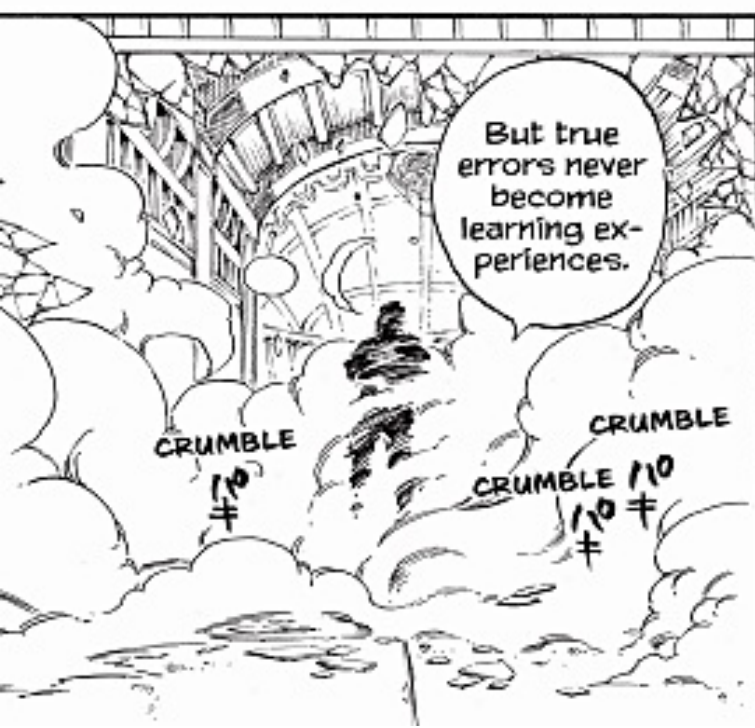


TENRYŪ
NO
HÔKÔ*
!!!!











And
you will
not have
the chance
to learn
from it!

The
error you
committed
was to stand
against me.



He's using
a different
type of
magic
now!



Hey...
That was
our full
power!



You're
kidding...

It's
like he
didn't
even
feel it!



Shall we
begin?

Now...

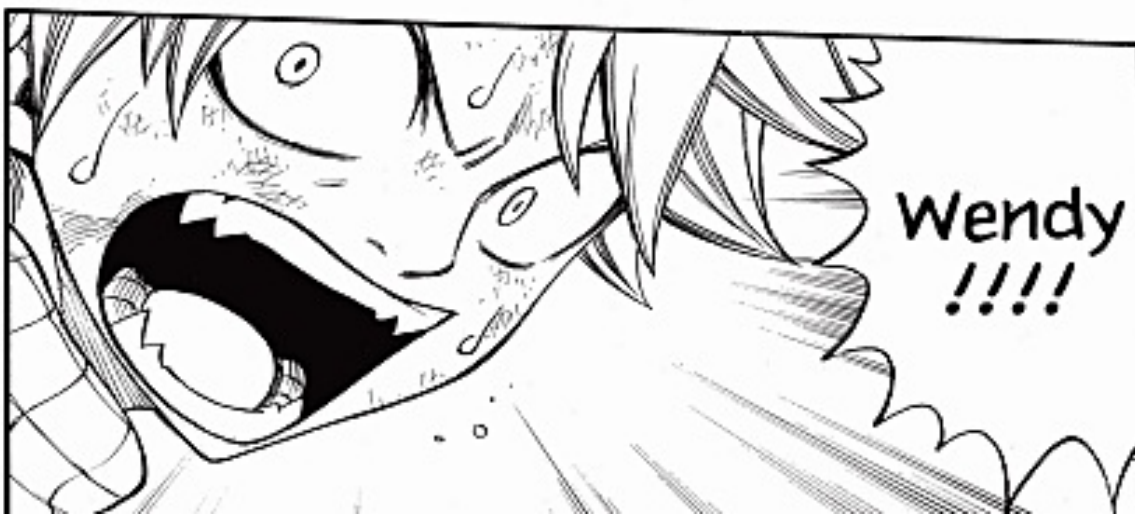
...that I'm
finished
warming
up...

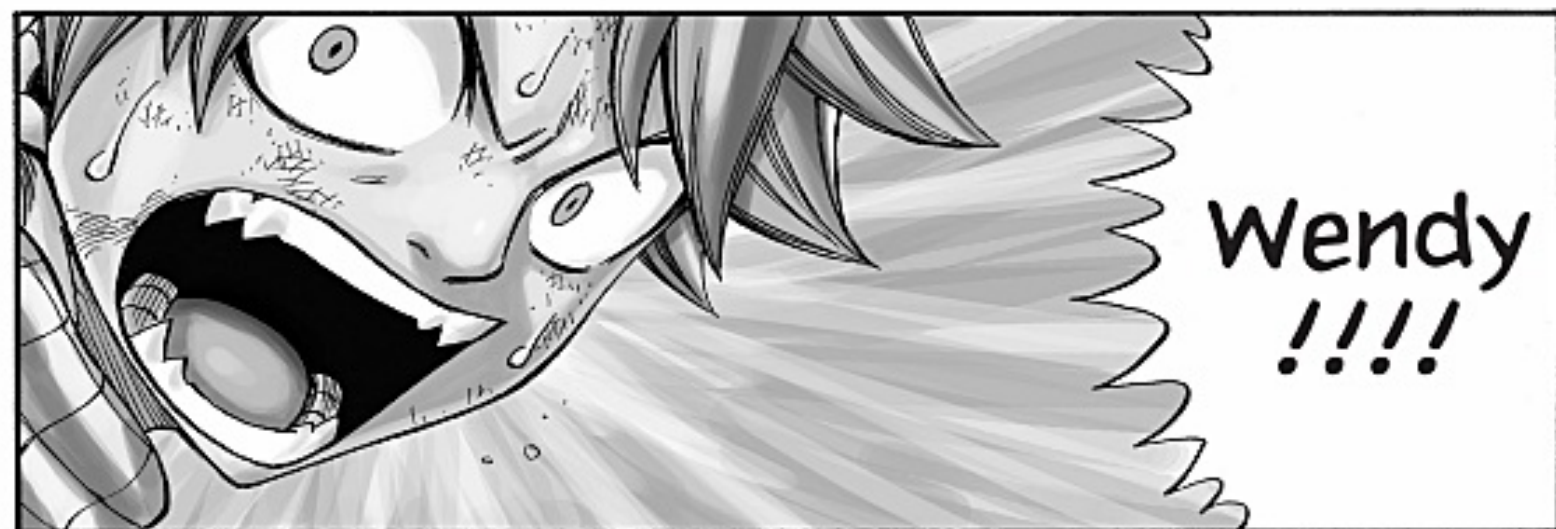
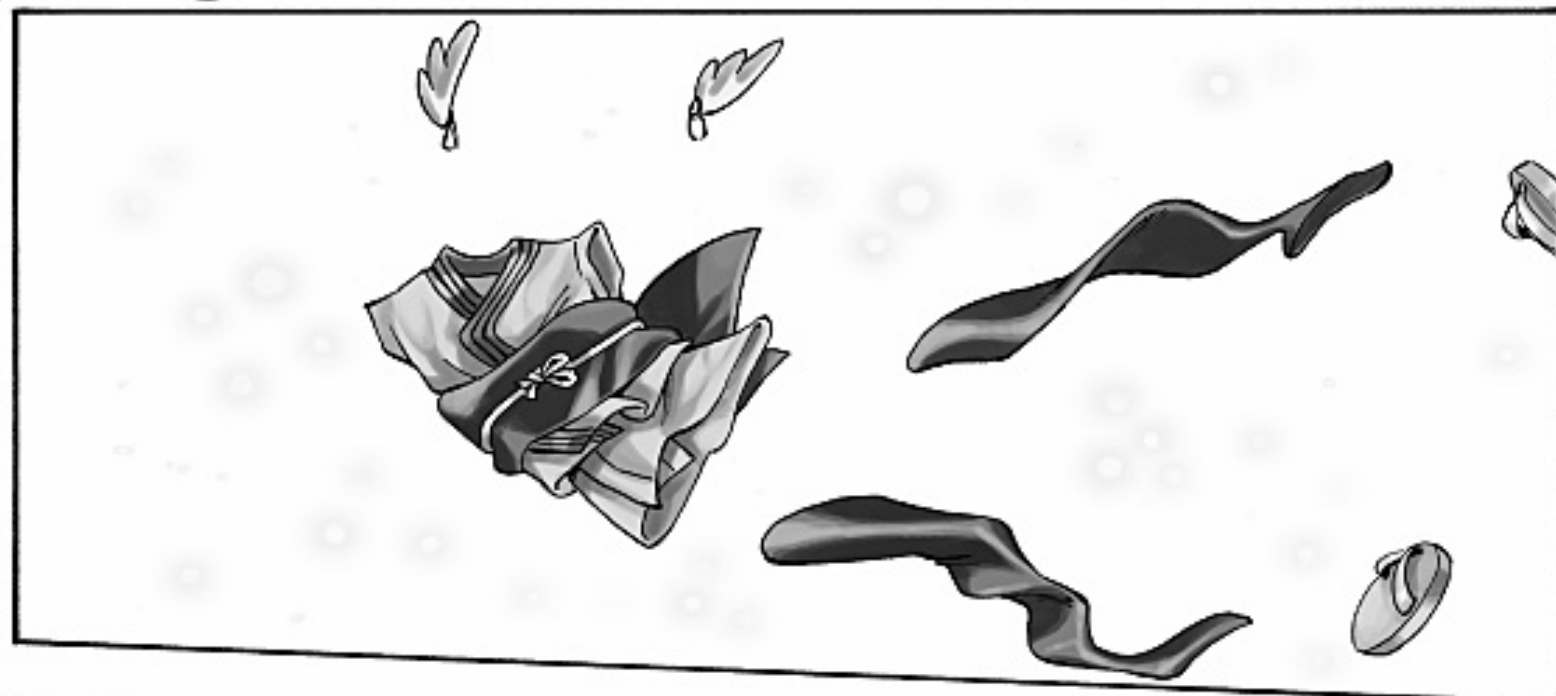
RUMBLE



*Charlie



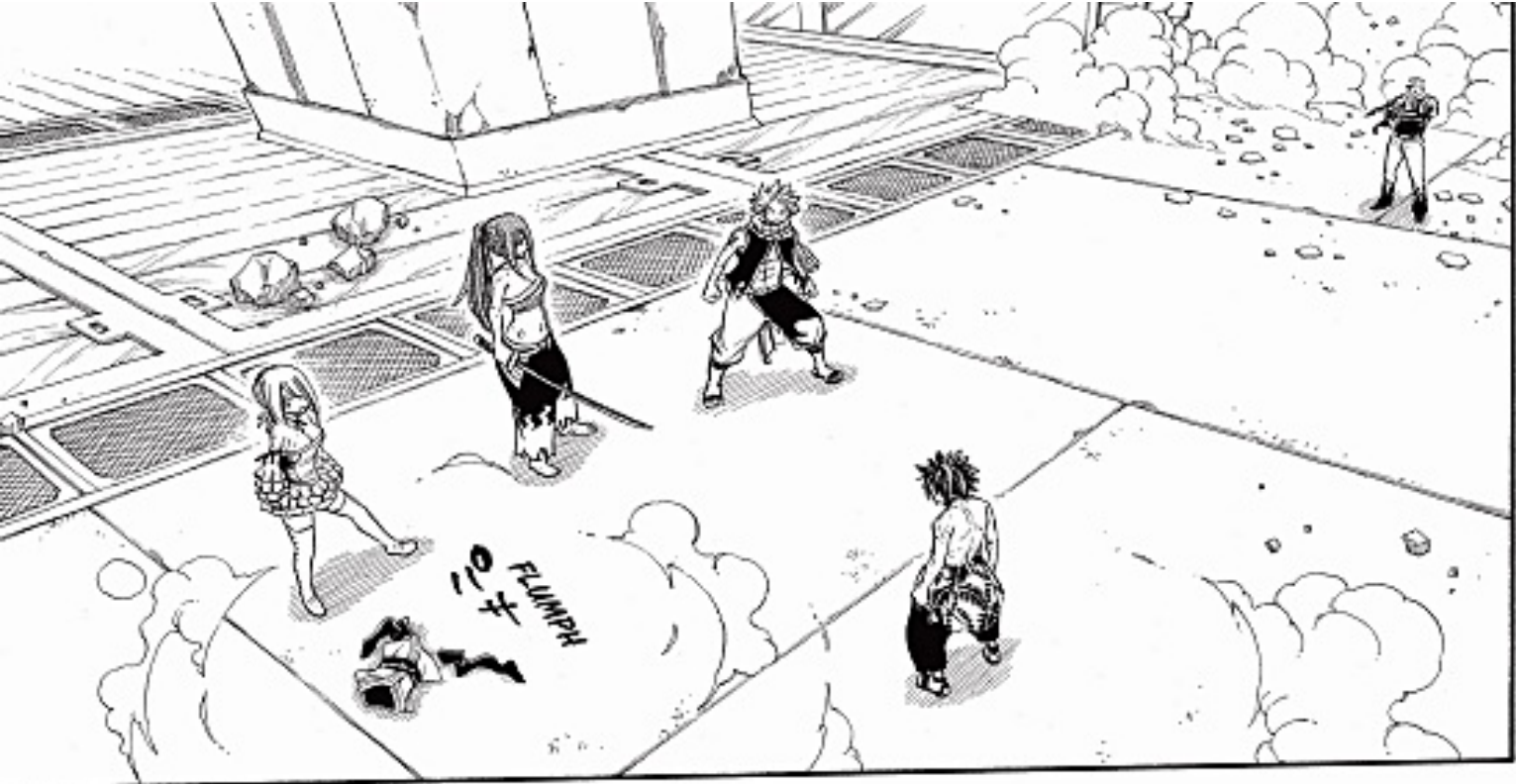




Chapter 244: The Peal of Thunder

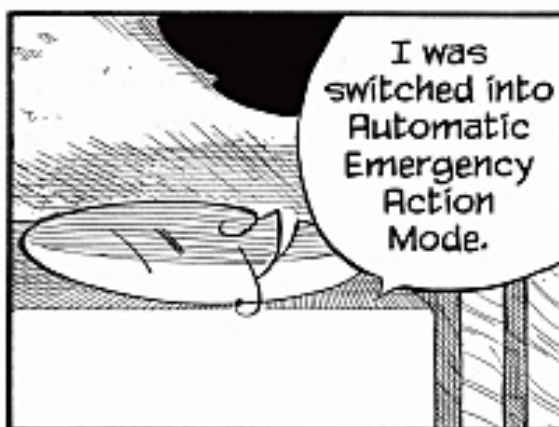
Chapter 244: The Peal of Thunder







...is what she says.



I was switched into Automatic Emergency Action Mode.



Phew!

Thank goodness.



Horologium!!



I get the feeling I've already been in some emergency situations, though...

Um...



It was an emergency, so only the intended victim herself could be rescued.

But why did only her clothes fall?



She says, "Thank you very much, Horologium-san."

They did not meet the Emergency Level that was set at this juncture, I am sorry to say.

Bewildering as always...



I am limited to but one rescue.

In any case, you did us a favor. I thank you.



The young miss says, "Eeeeeek!"

Now, if you would please don the gift prepared.

So you're saying that inside there, Wendy is...



Thank you!



...take care in the future.

So everyone, if you please...



So you and
the old man
know each
other?



...are
fairly
amusing.



Makarov's
children...



I went
by the
name of
Precht!

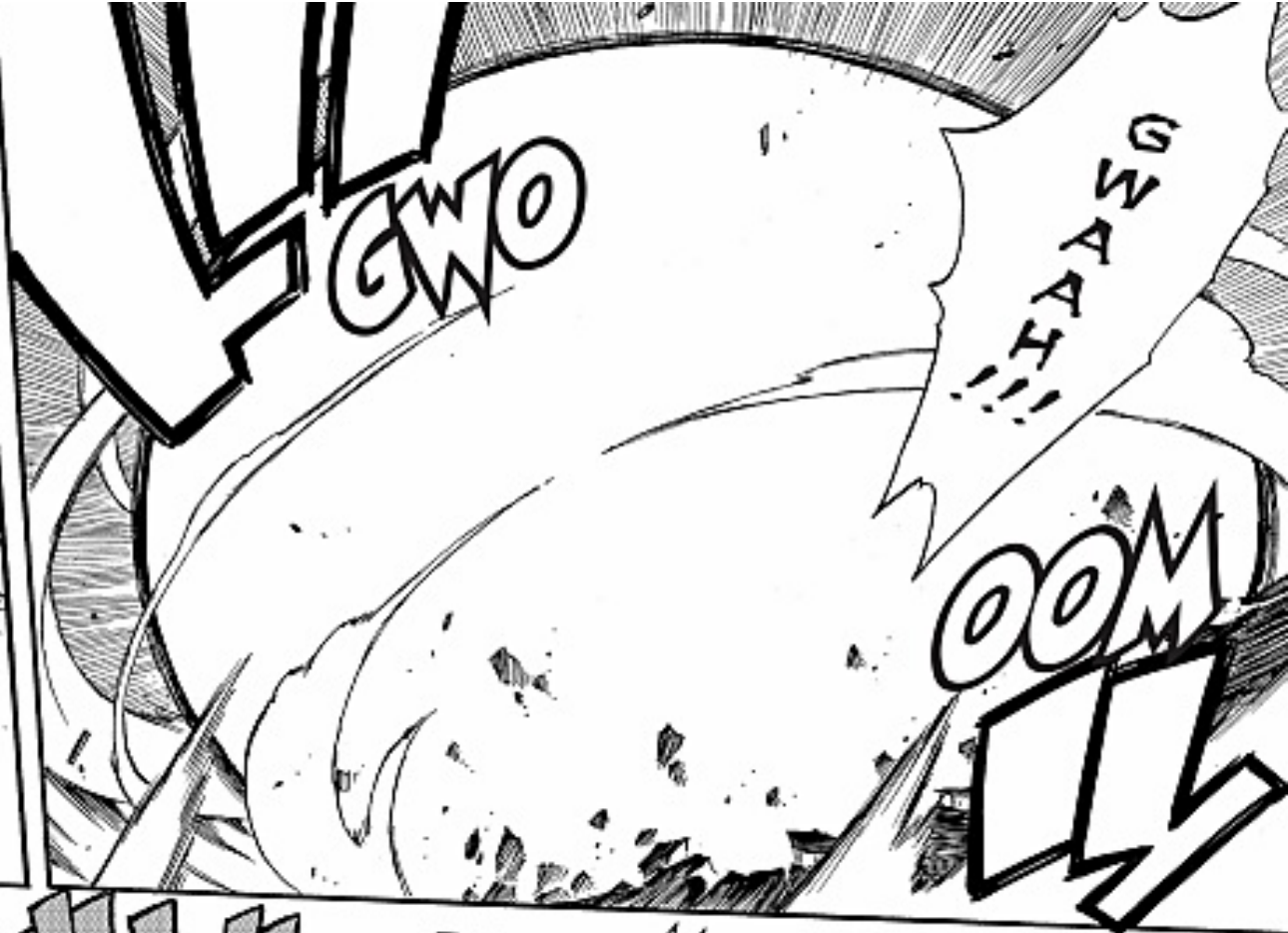
I was
once the
second
master
of Fairy
Tail.

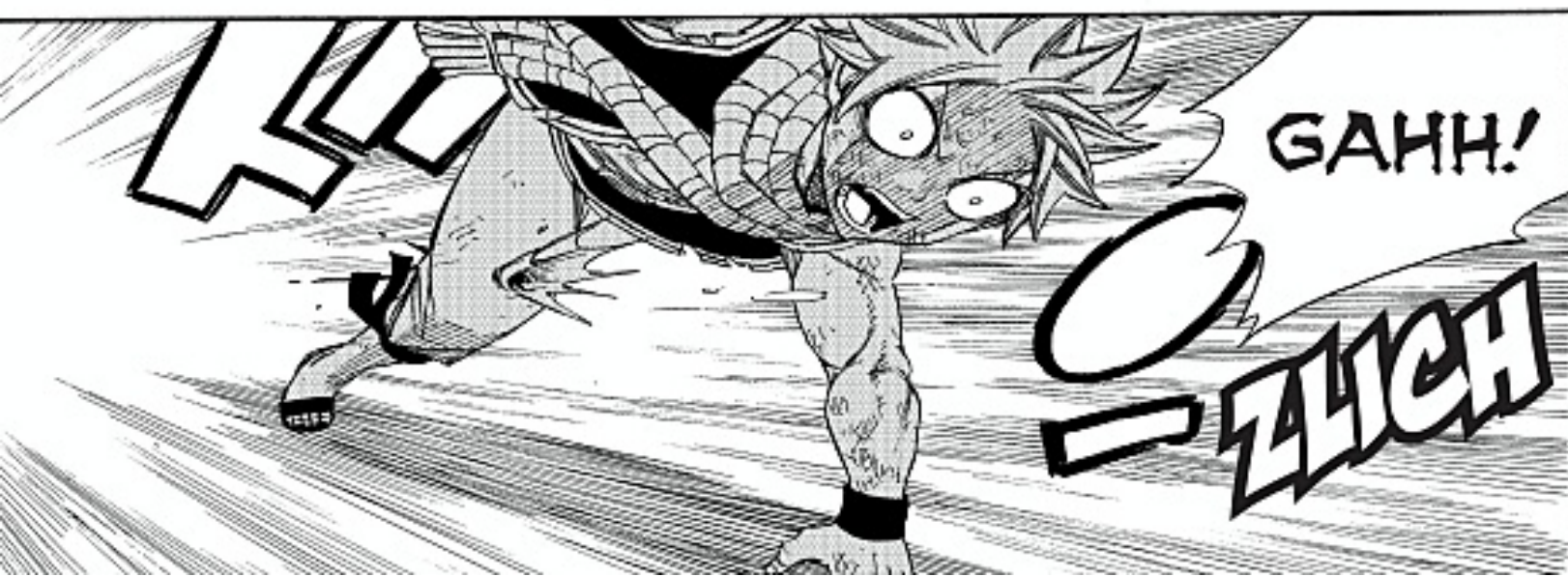
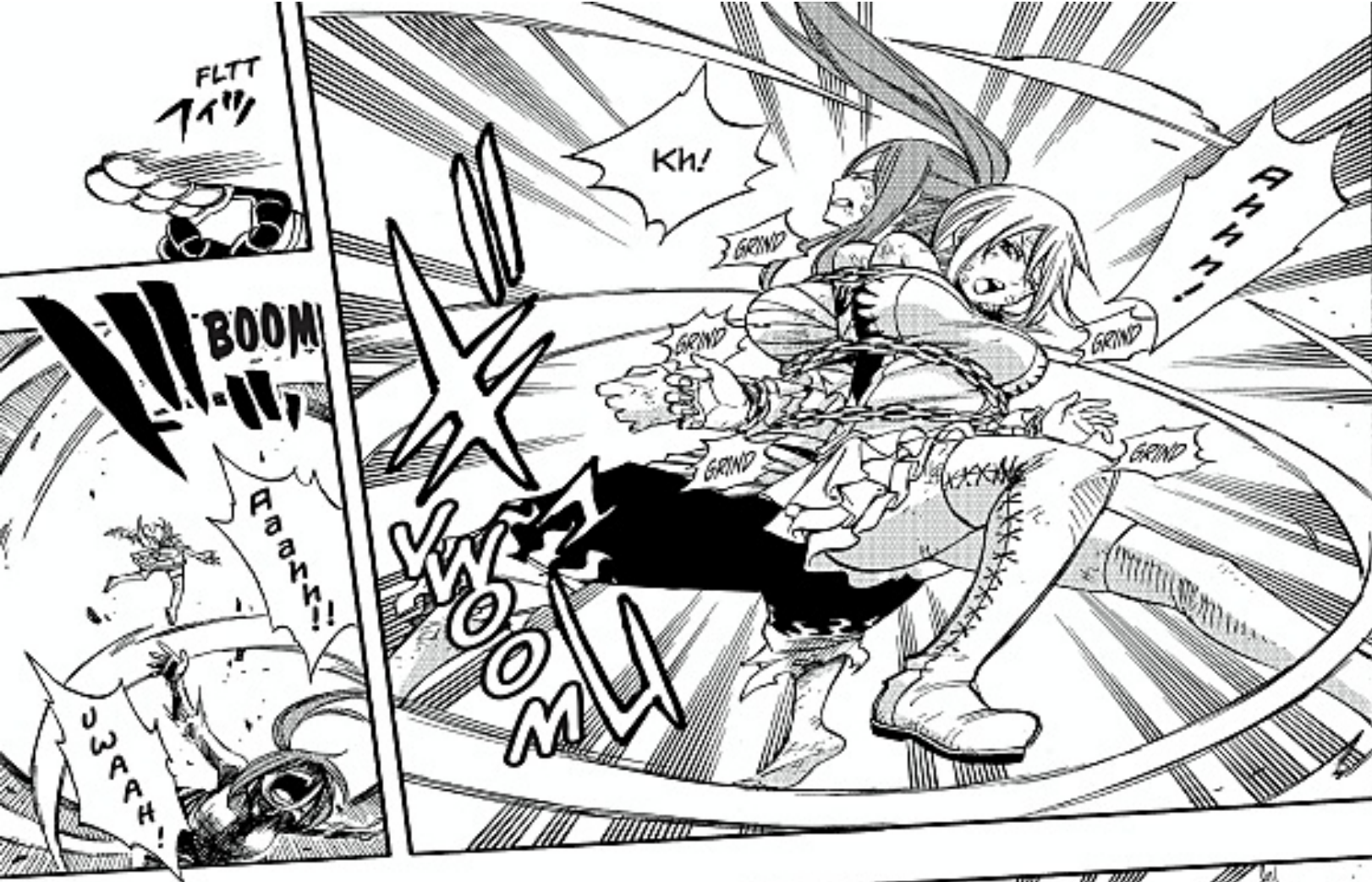


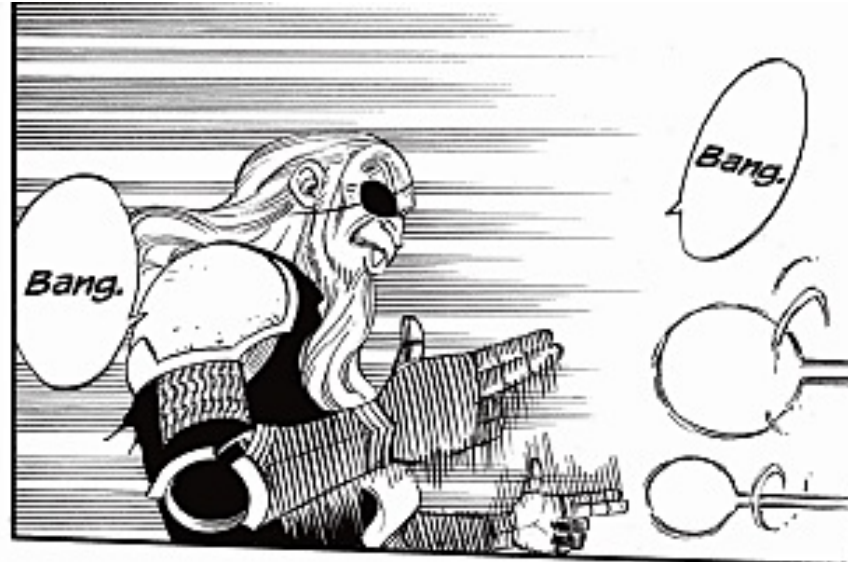
What?
Weren't
you
informed?

Aren't I
recorded in
the annals of
the guild?









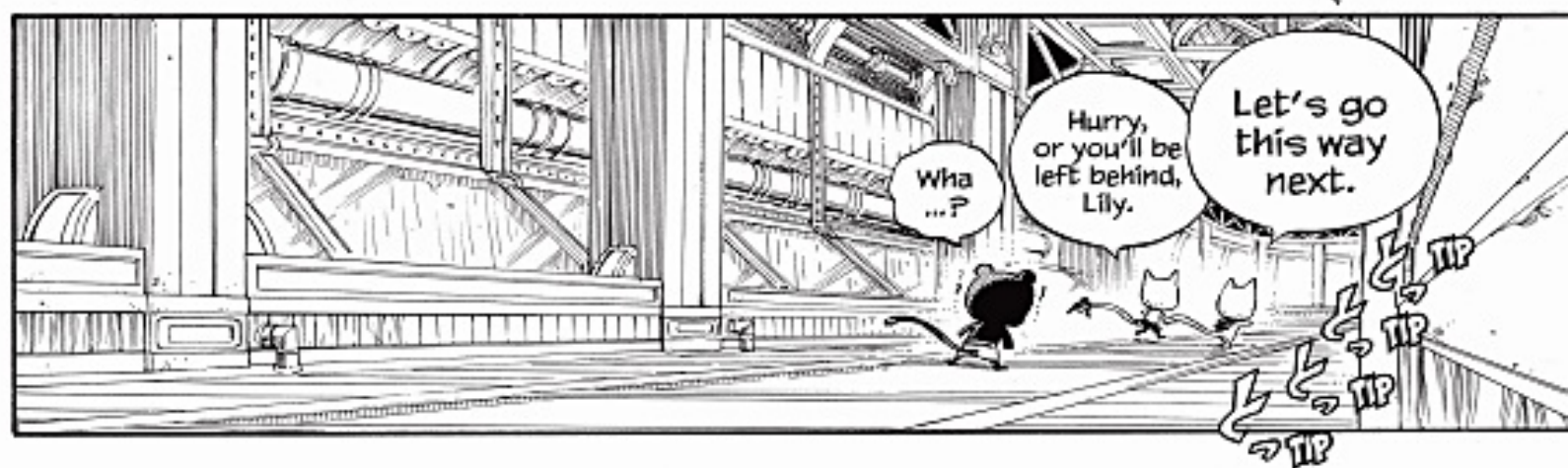
Wa
ha
ha
ha
ha
!!!!





What's with this ship's intruder alarm?! I still have no problem hearing the thunder outside!!!

Hey !!!







And,
therefore,
an eternal
adventure.

It's an
eternal
mystery.

Do fairies
have tails,
or don't
they?

Ungh
...

TAK

TAK

I think
that's
how the
guild
got its
name.





If you
don't
got the
guts to
change,
then stop
living
!!!!



You are a
noisy little
imp.



Natsu
...

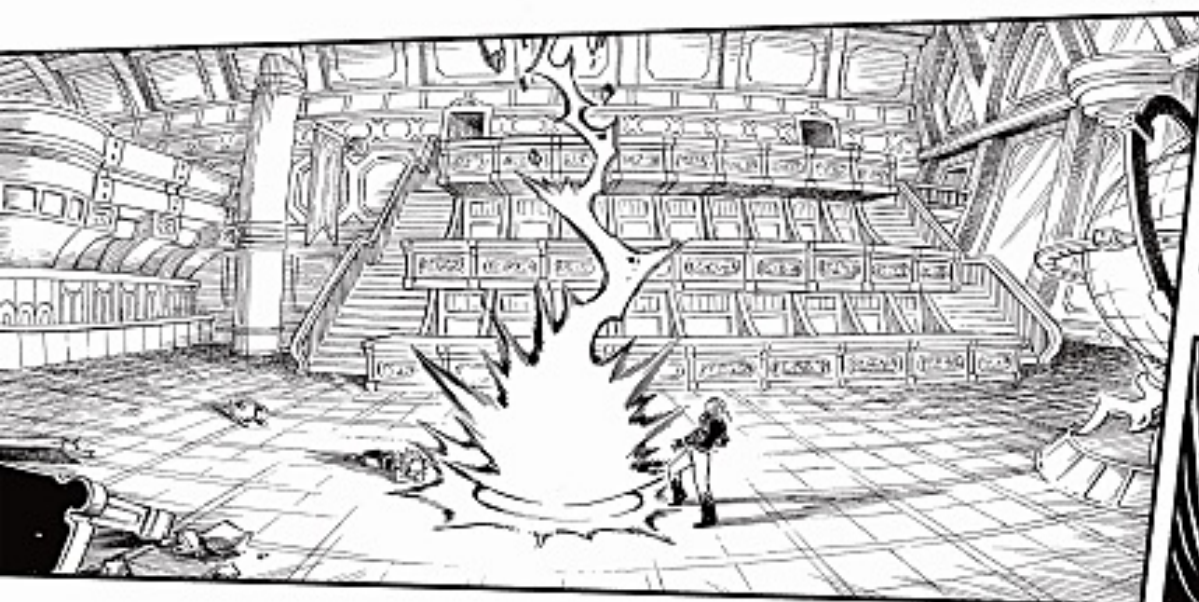
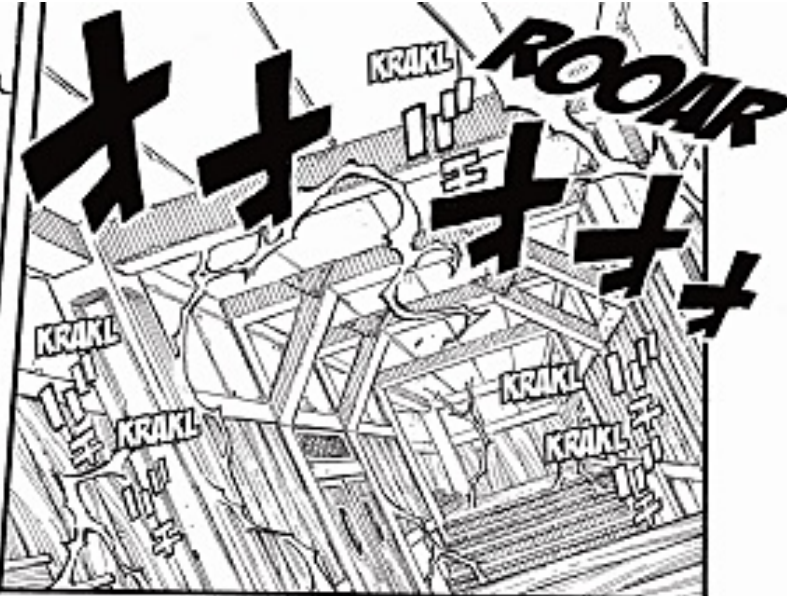


ZLICH

Gah!











Natsu?!

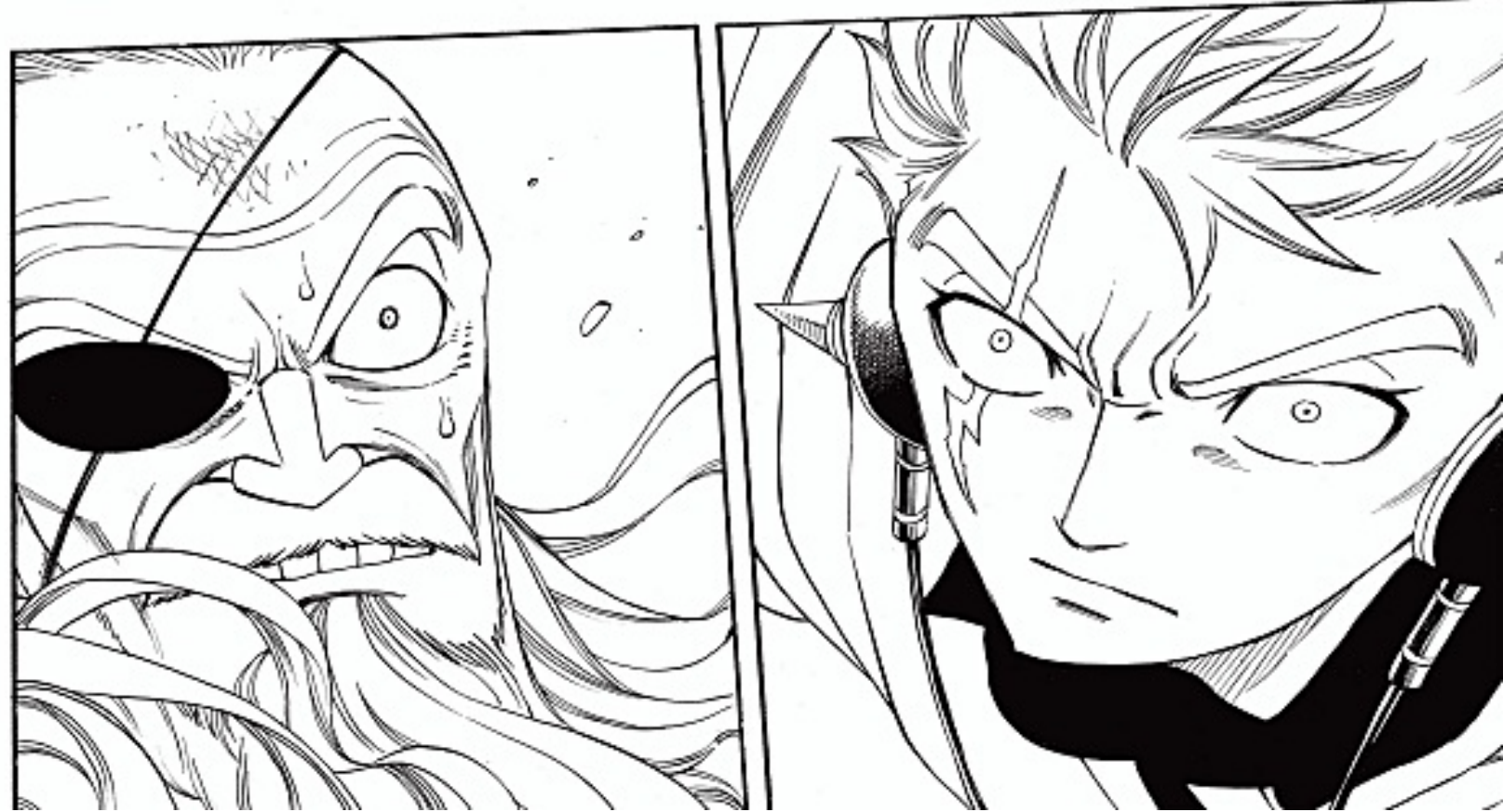


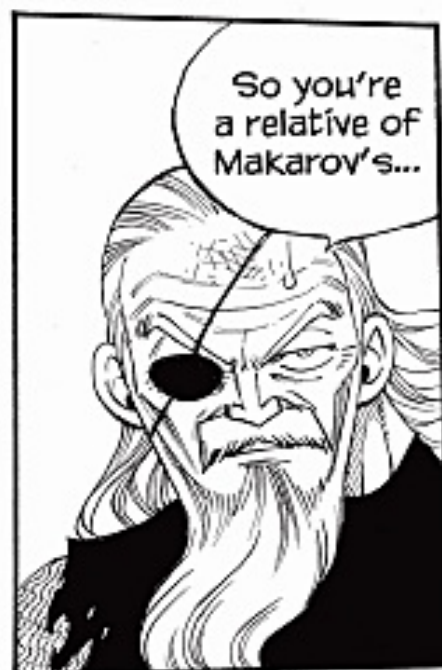
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Chapter 245: The Man Without the Mark









But it was
a surprise to
find the second
master here too.



I was plannin' a
stop at Mavis's
tomb...



Just payin'
my respects
to the
first guild
master.

I'm still
a former
Fairy Tail
member,
at least.

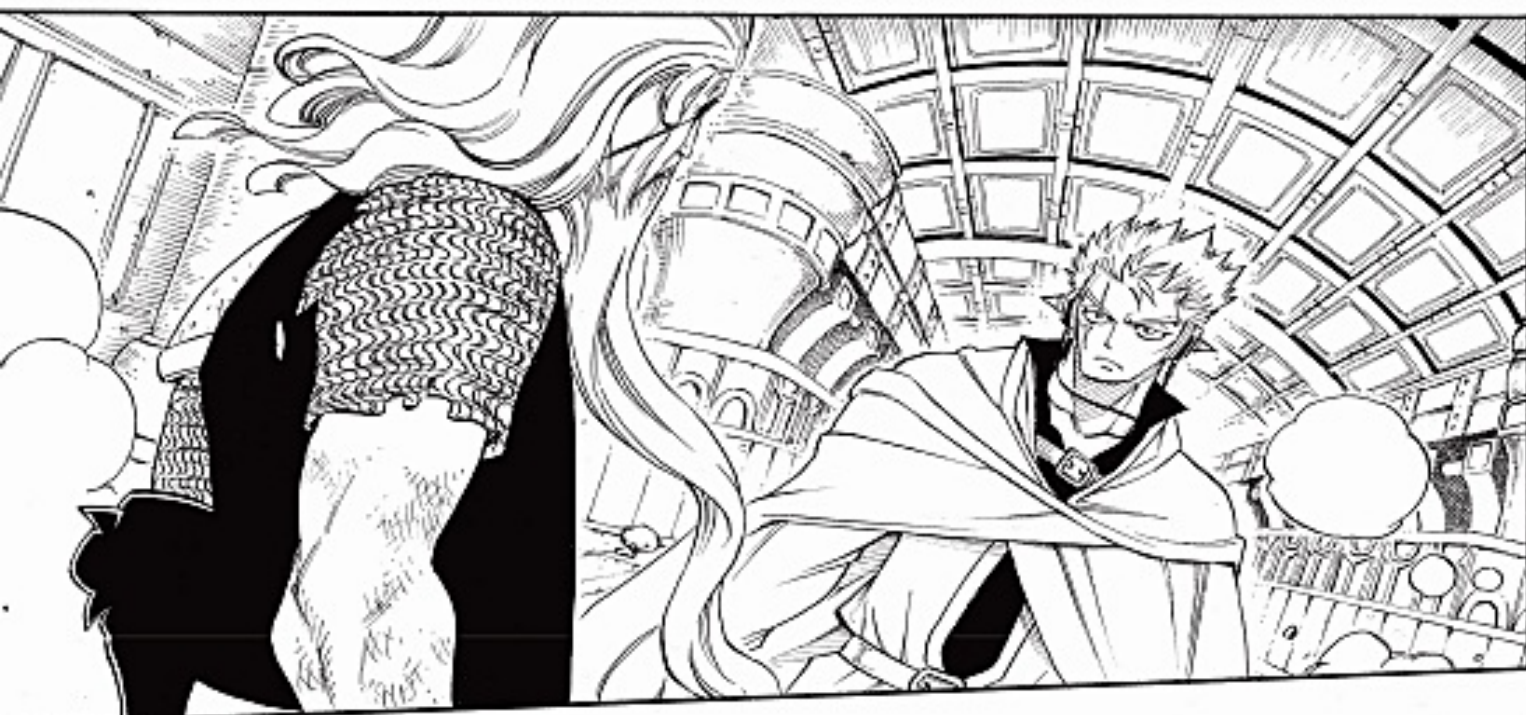
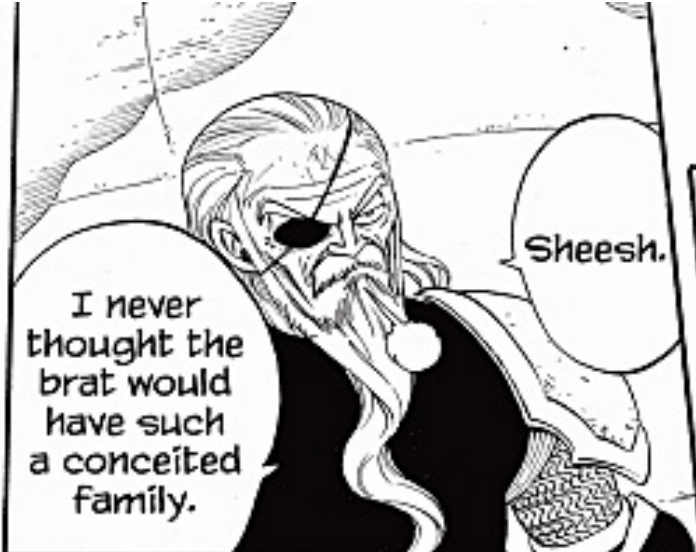


Why
are you
here...?

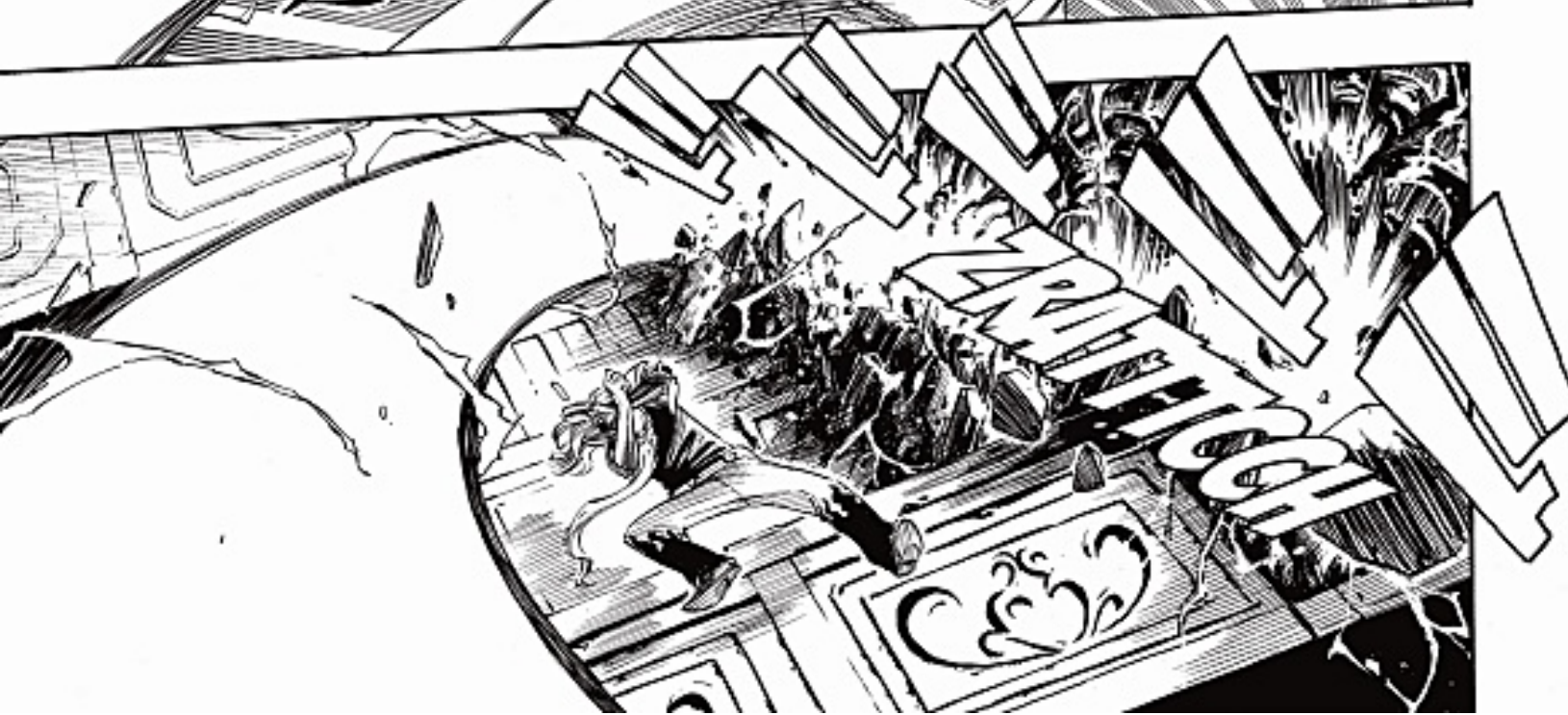


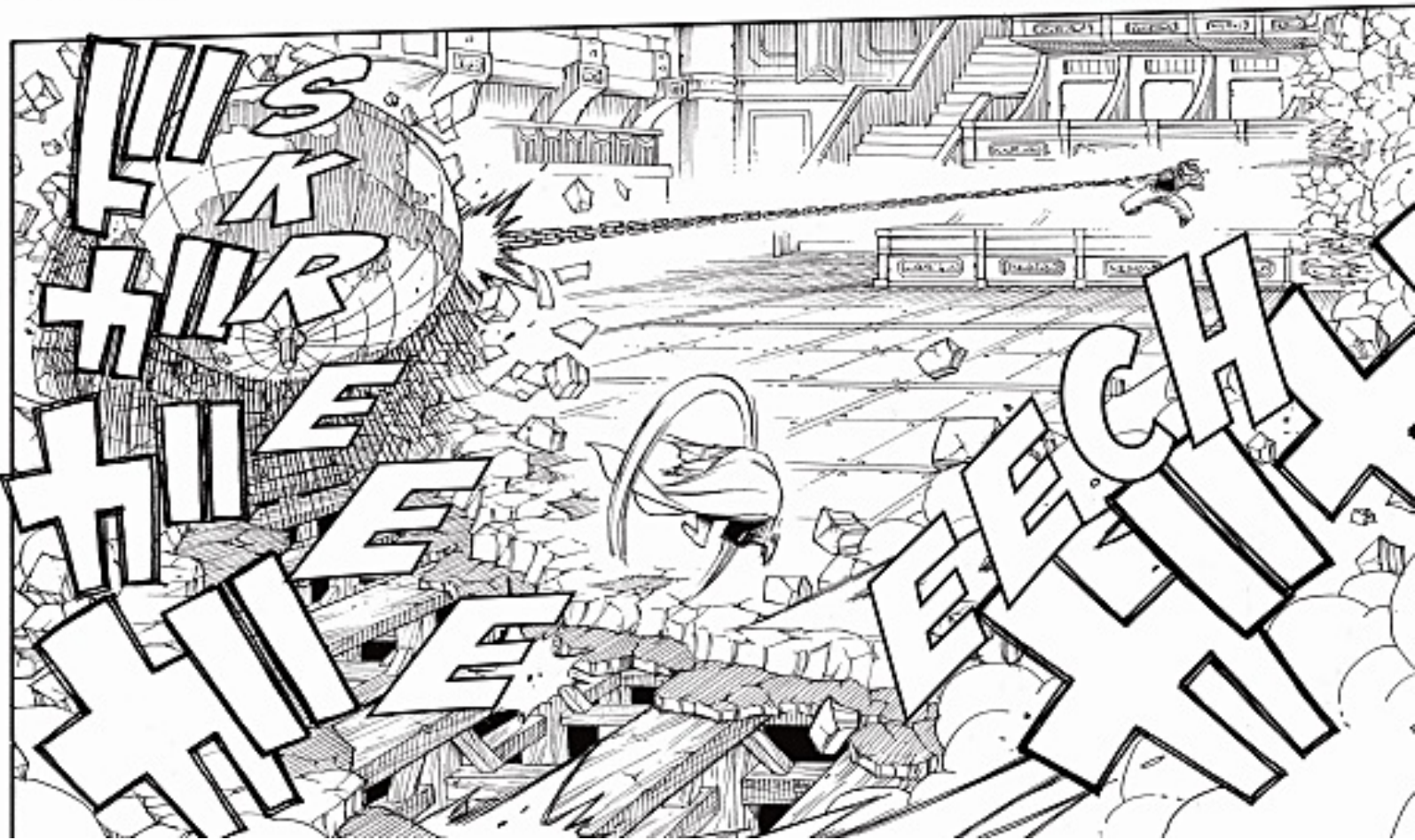
While
I'm at it,
why don't
I...

...dig
your
grave
too?



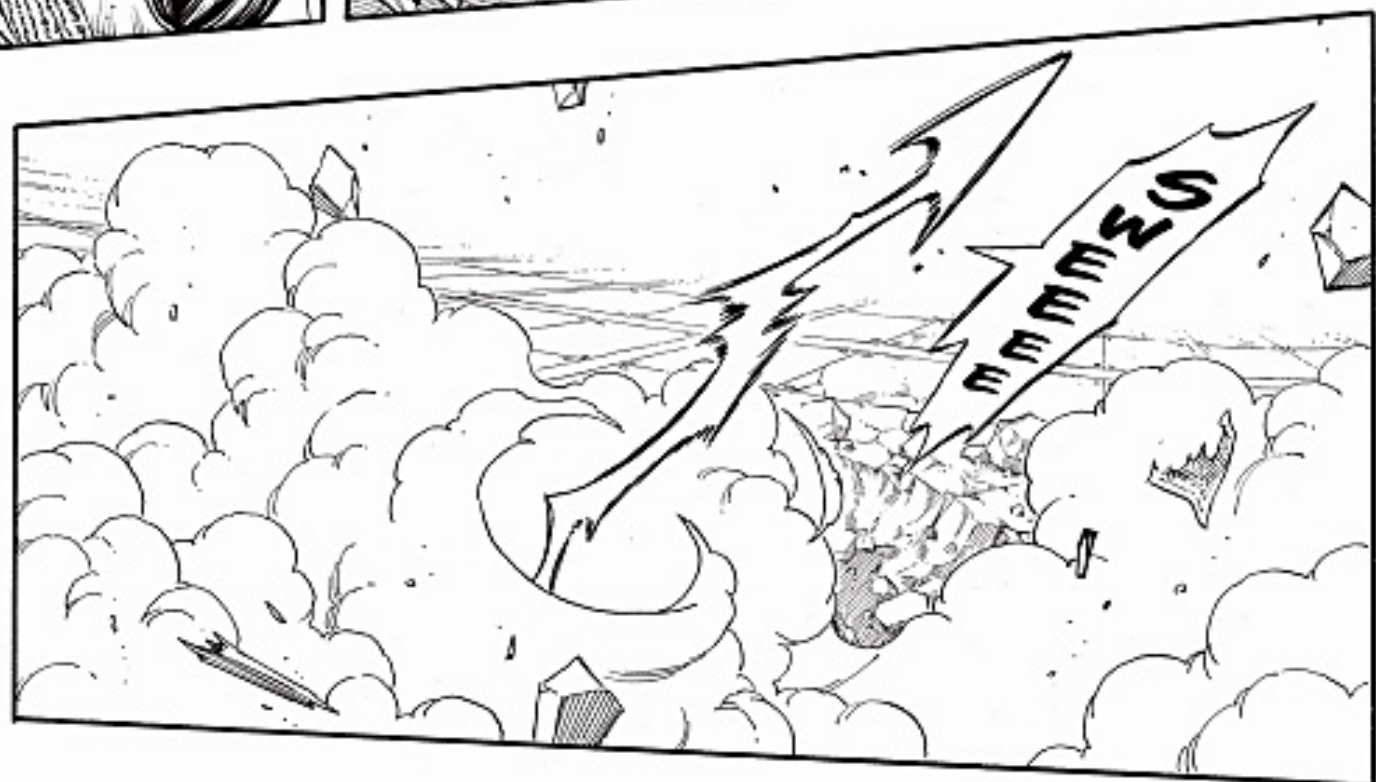








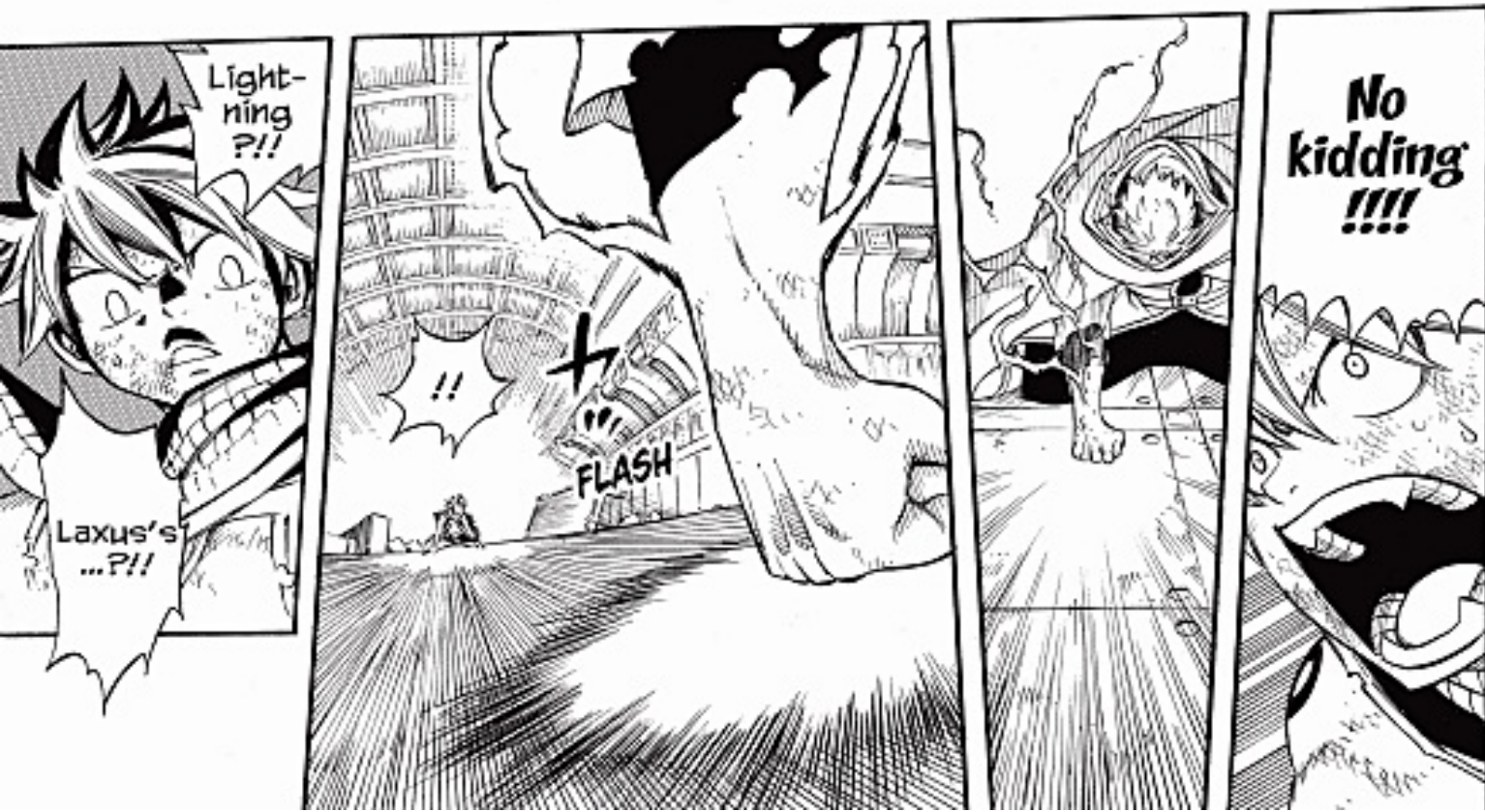


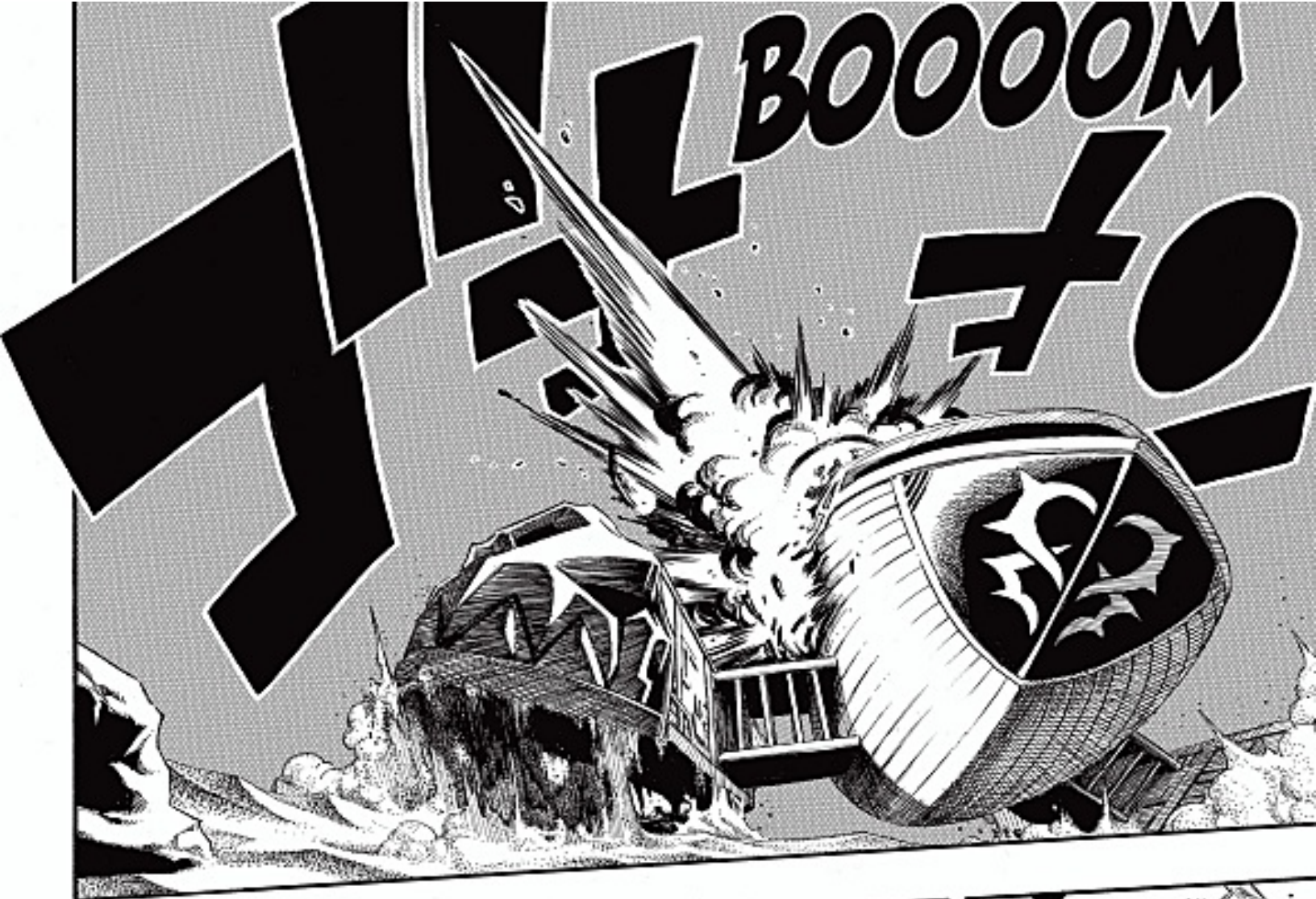


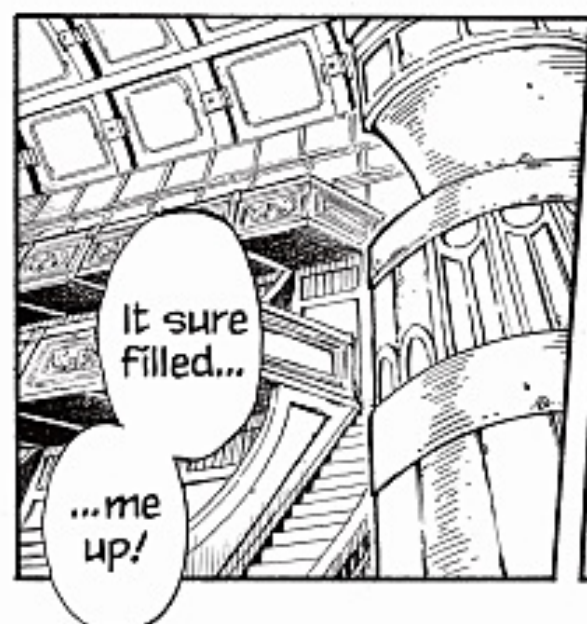
SKREEEECH!















Who
got
hurt?



It ain't
about
who's
strong
and who's
weak.



I'm not as
strong as
you, Laxus...



...a
hundred
times
over!

When the
guild takes
a pounding,
the guild
oughtta give
it back...



SHIVER

Fire and
Lightning
fused...?



Right.





for the
Raienryû*
!!!

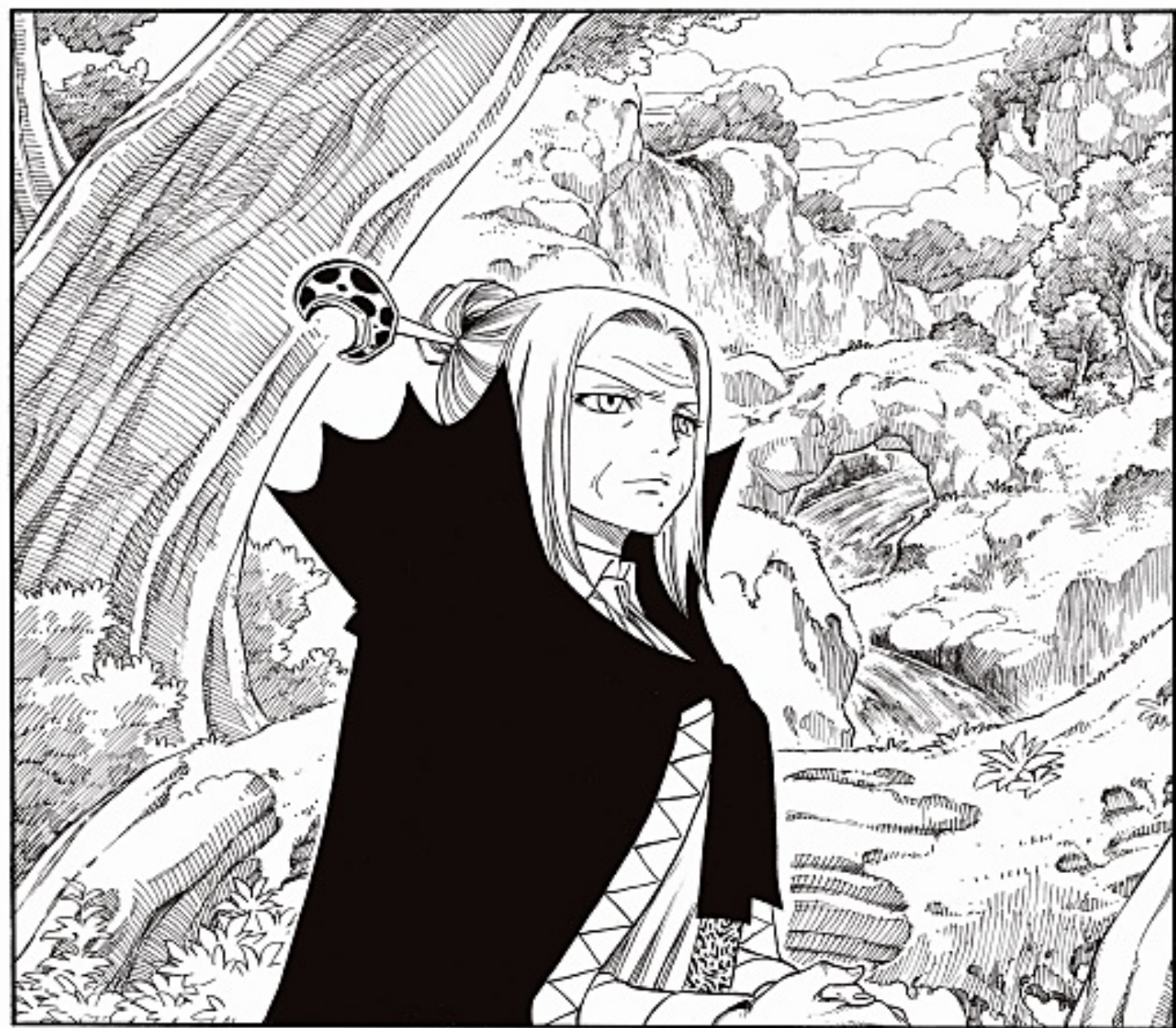
It's
payback
time...

GWOOOOOGGH

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Chapter 246: The Region of the Depths

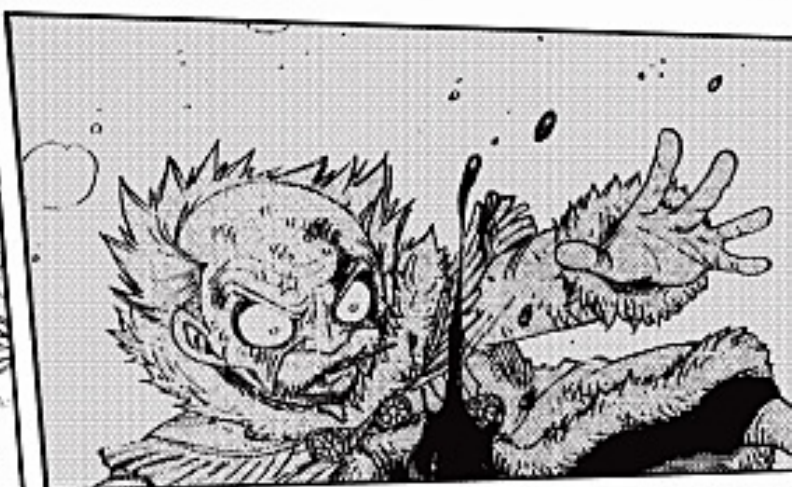














So
you're
the one
...



...
that's
gotta
go
!!!!

KABLAN



HYAH!



Ha haah!!
I've got
both your
arms
pinned!!



*Thunder-Fire Dragon's...



RAIEN-
RYŪ
NO*
...

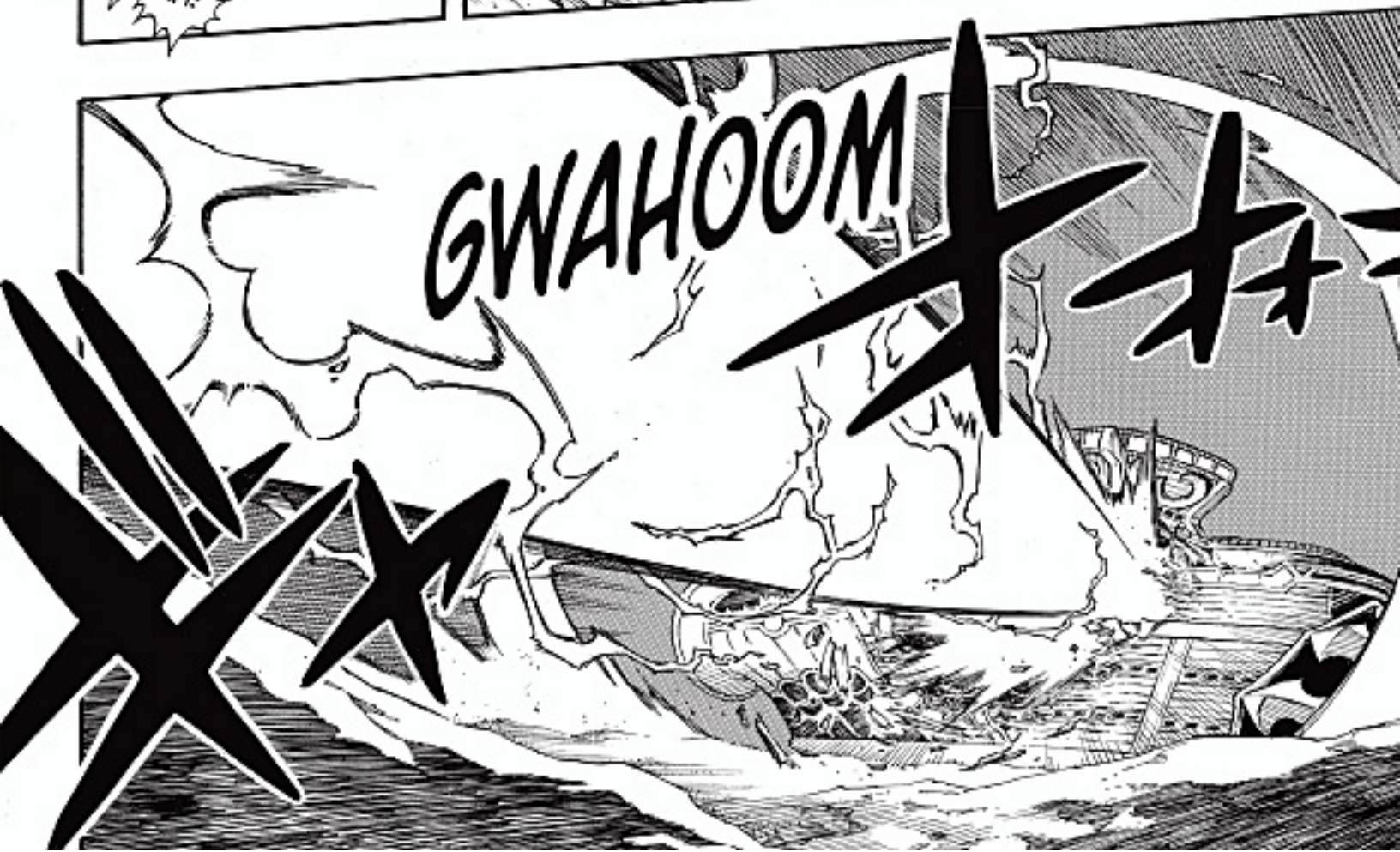


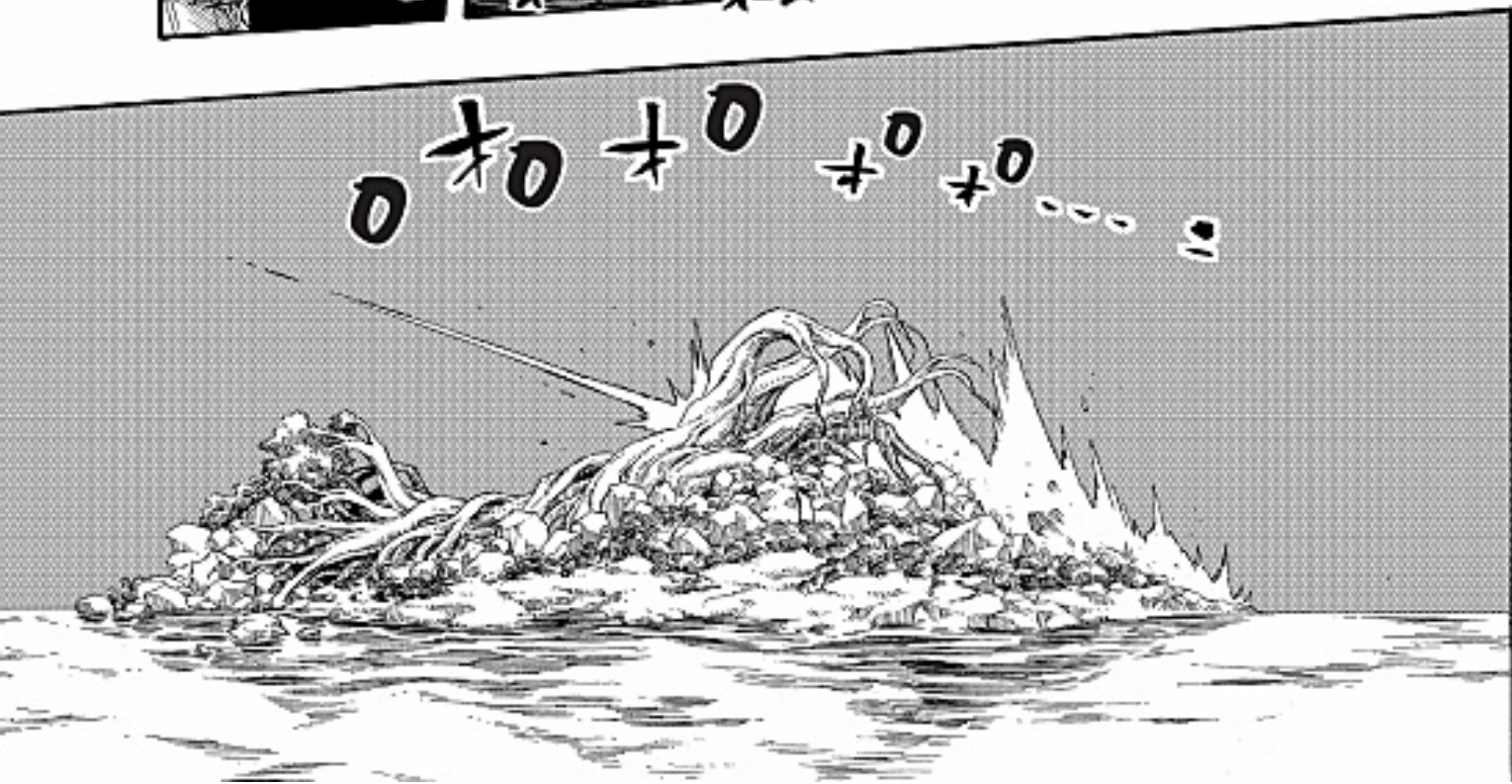
WHA
--?!



...
HôKô*
!!!!

*Roar!

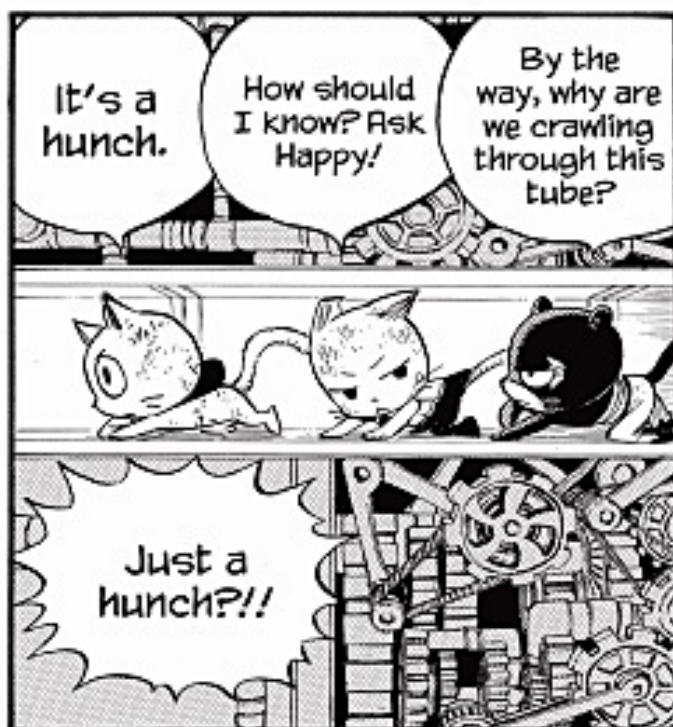
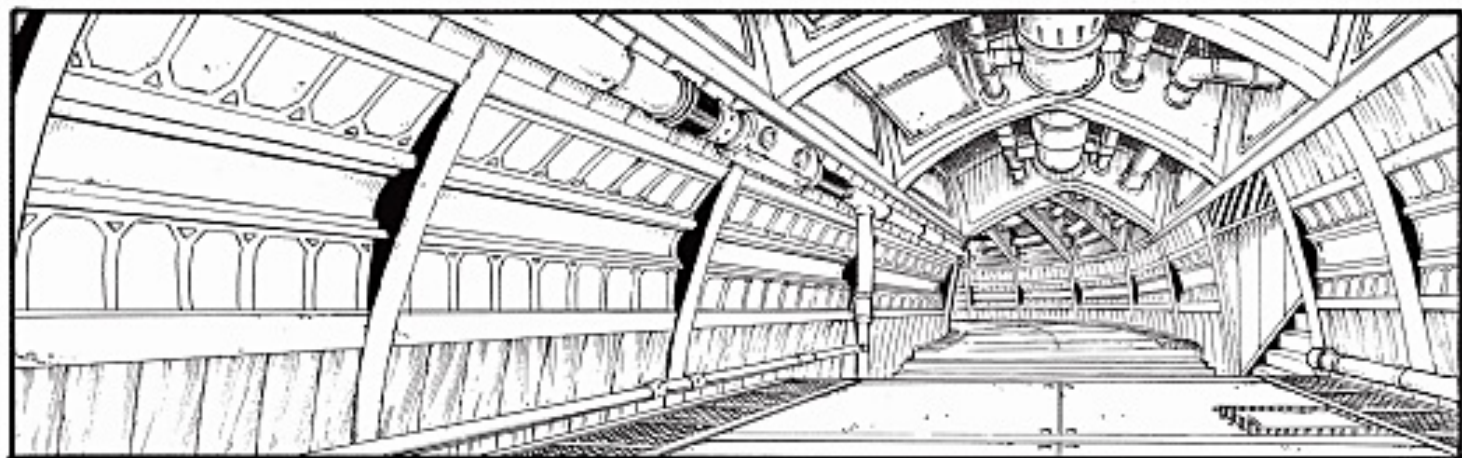


















Not
pos-
sible
...



This
can't...be
happening
...

SHIVER
A
SHIVER
A
SHIVER
A



I never
sensed
any magic
like this!



His
magic is
getting even
stronger!



**You've
entered a
region beyond
the reaches
of your
imagination
!!!**



***The
depths of
magic!!!***



It's
over...

...Fairy
Tail!



Dammit
!!!



Natsu
!!!

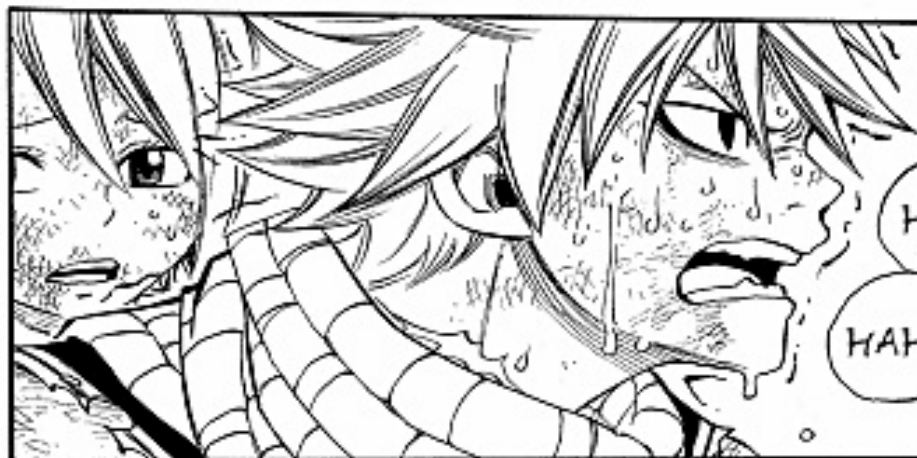


Ngg!

Urr...

Urg!

SLUMP



HAHH

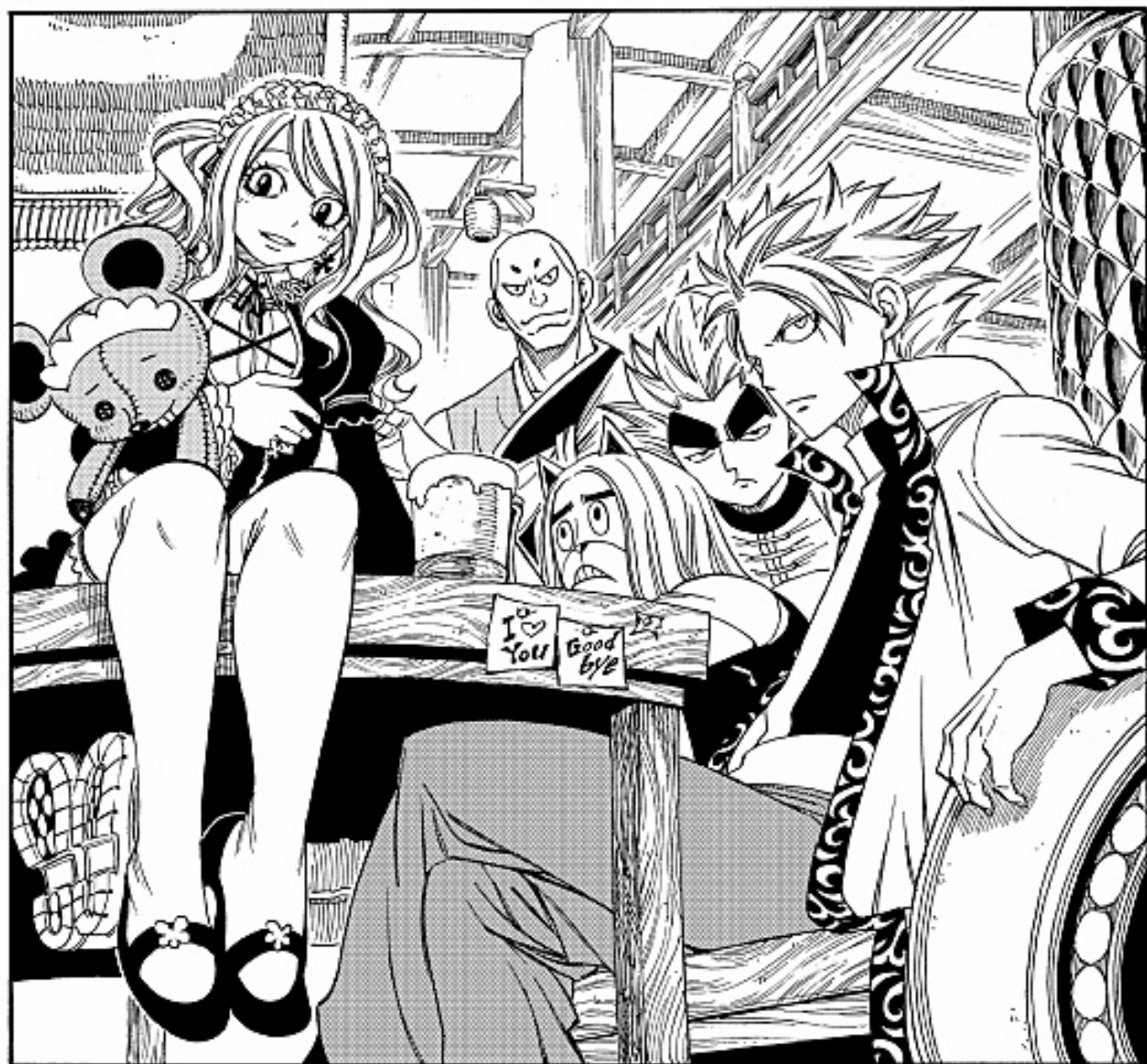
HAHH

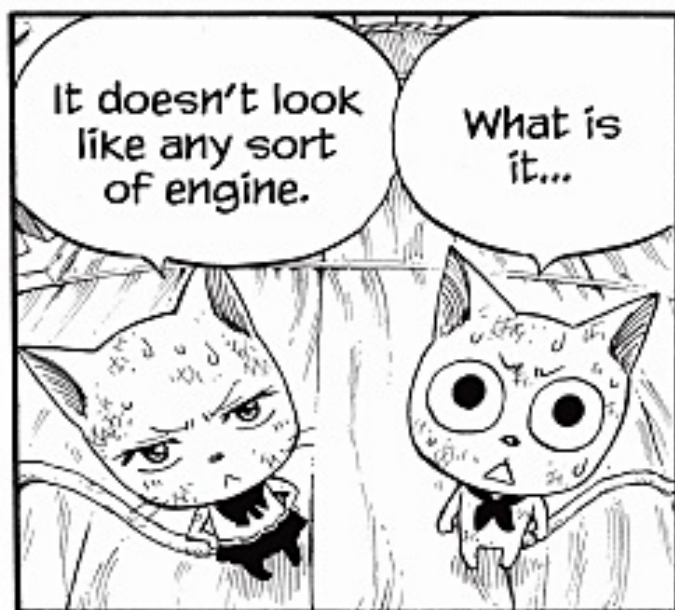
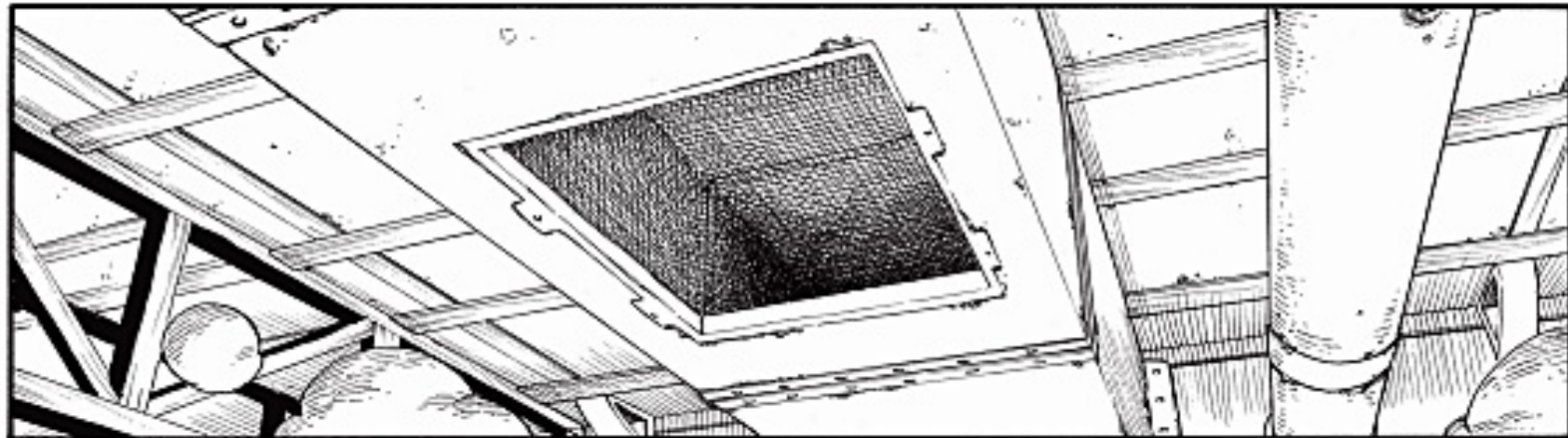
I don't
even...
have the
strength...
to move
!!!!

FAIRY TAIL

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Chapter 247: Just Look How Close











Glittering
in the
gloom...
The One
Magic.

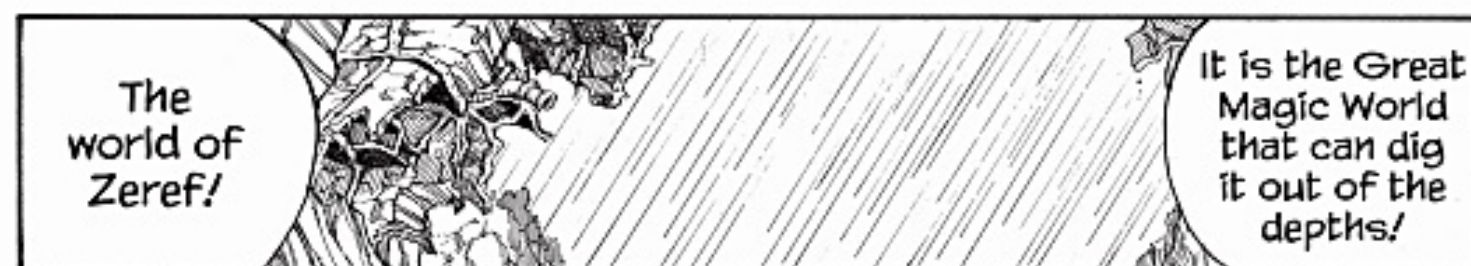
And at the
bottom
of those
depths, you
find it...



But that
"almost"
is so very
deep!

You're
almost
there...

You've
almost
arrived at
the One
Magic!



The
world of
Zeref!

It is the Great
Magic World
that can dig
it out of the
depths!



And that is
when I
will finally
attain the
One Magic!

This
evening, at
the awakening
of Zeref, the
world will
change!





Eee!

Eeee!

Eee!



H-He
made
mon-
sters

...from
the
rubble
?!



ROOOOAR

When you
have the depths
of magic at
your command,
you can create
demons even
from clots of
earth!

You become
the Judge of
Heaven, making
demons dance
to your whims!
That is Hidden
Magic!!!



...
trembling I am...
in fear...



I'm
afraid
...!!!

Afraid
!!!
Afraid
!!!



HUG

ROAR



Each of them
has a soul
made of magic
that breeds
only despair...



I-it's
inconceiv-
able
!!!!



Can't
some-
body give
us a little
courage
...



TREMBLE
TREMBLE

I'm so
afraid...
It's all
over...



What am I
so scared
for...

Dammit
...



Natsu
...



What's
wrong
...?

Your
friends
are all
right
here!



GRAB



*"It's about
knowing
your own
weaknesses."*

*"Fear is
not an
evil."*



*"... they
become
stronger and
gentler human
beings."*



*"When
people
know their
own weak-
nesses..."*



So
what's
the next
step,
huh?



We already
know about
weaknesses.



**It's to
stand and
face the
enemy!!!!**

**It's to get
stronger
!!!!**



I got
friends right
here in arm's
reach!!



But look,
our friends
are right
here!



I guess when
you're alone,
you can be so
scared you
can't do
anything...



**That
means
I got
nothing
to be
afraid
of!!!!**

**'Cause
I ain't
alone
here
!!!!**



I respect
such
vainglory.

But the
end has
come.



Even if we
don't have
any magic
left...



That's
right,
Natsu!



There's
nothing
to fear.



With my
friends
here...



Let's
go
!!!!



That is
Fairy
Tail!

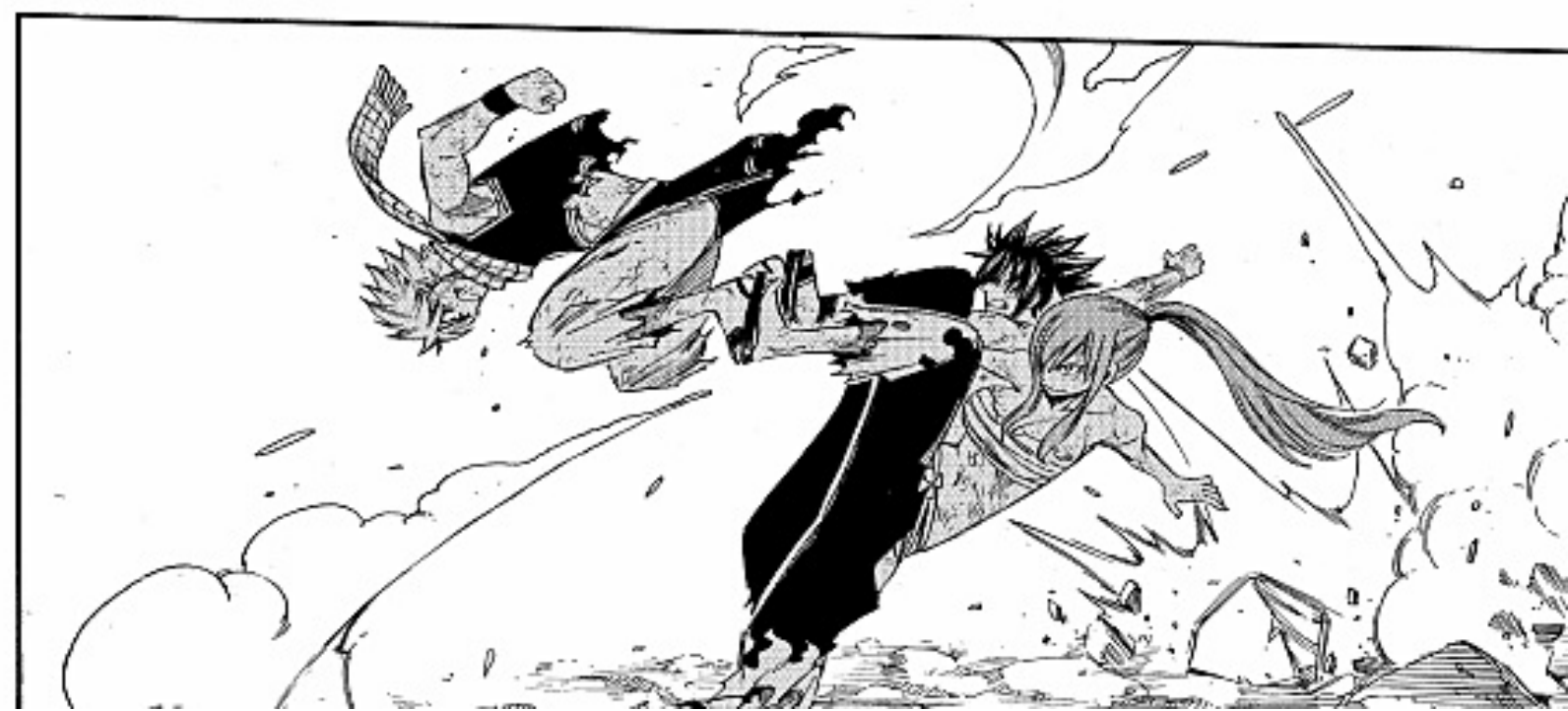


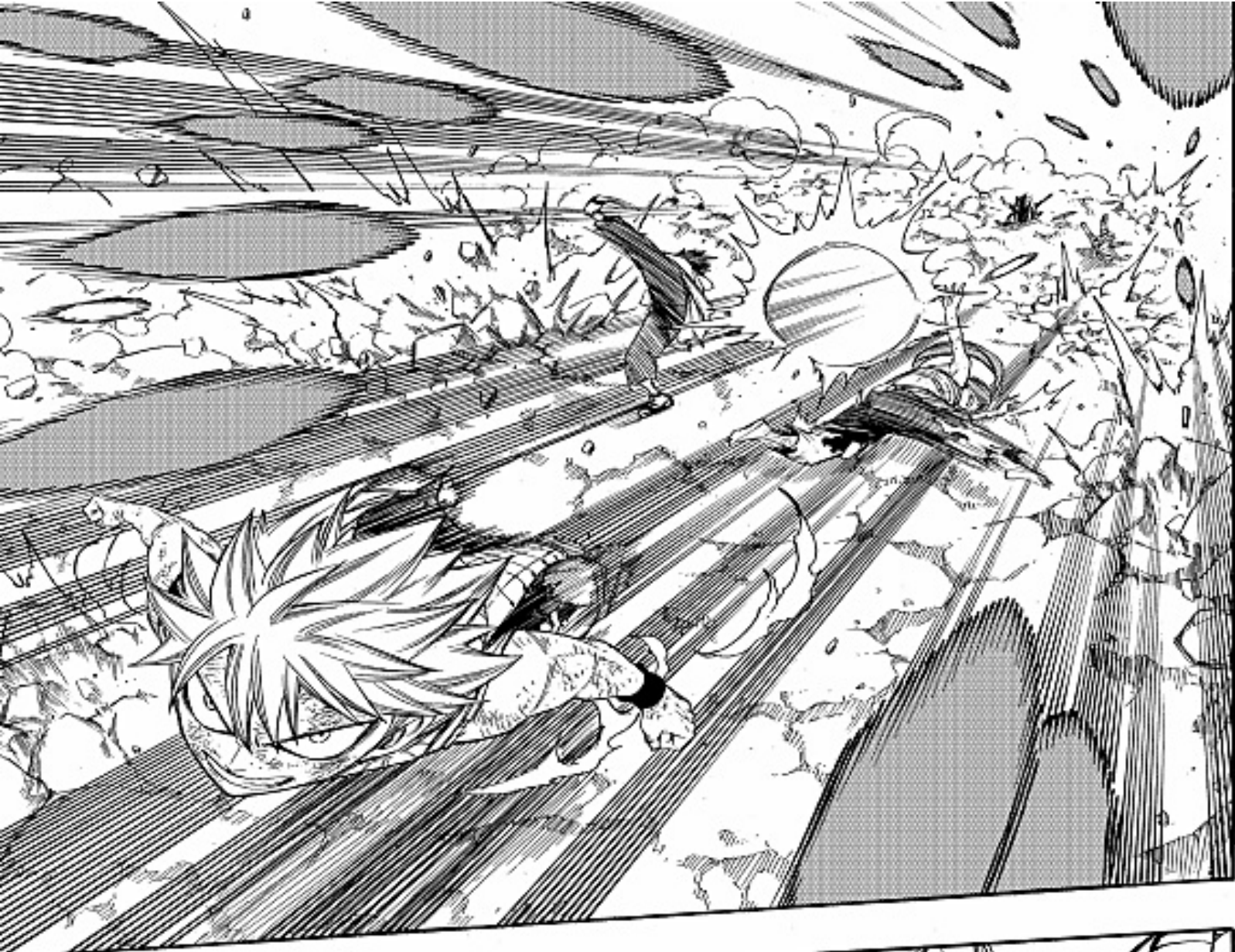
We don't
give up!
Not until
it is truly
over!!!!



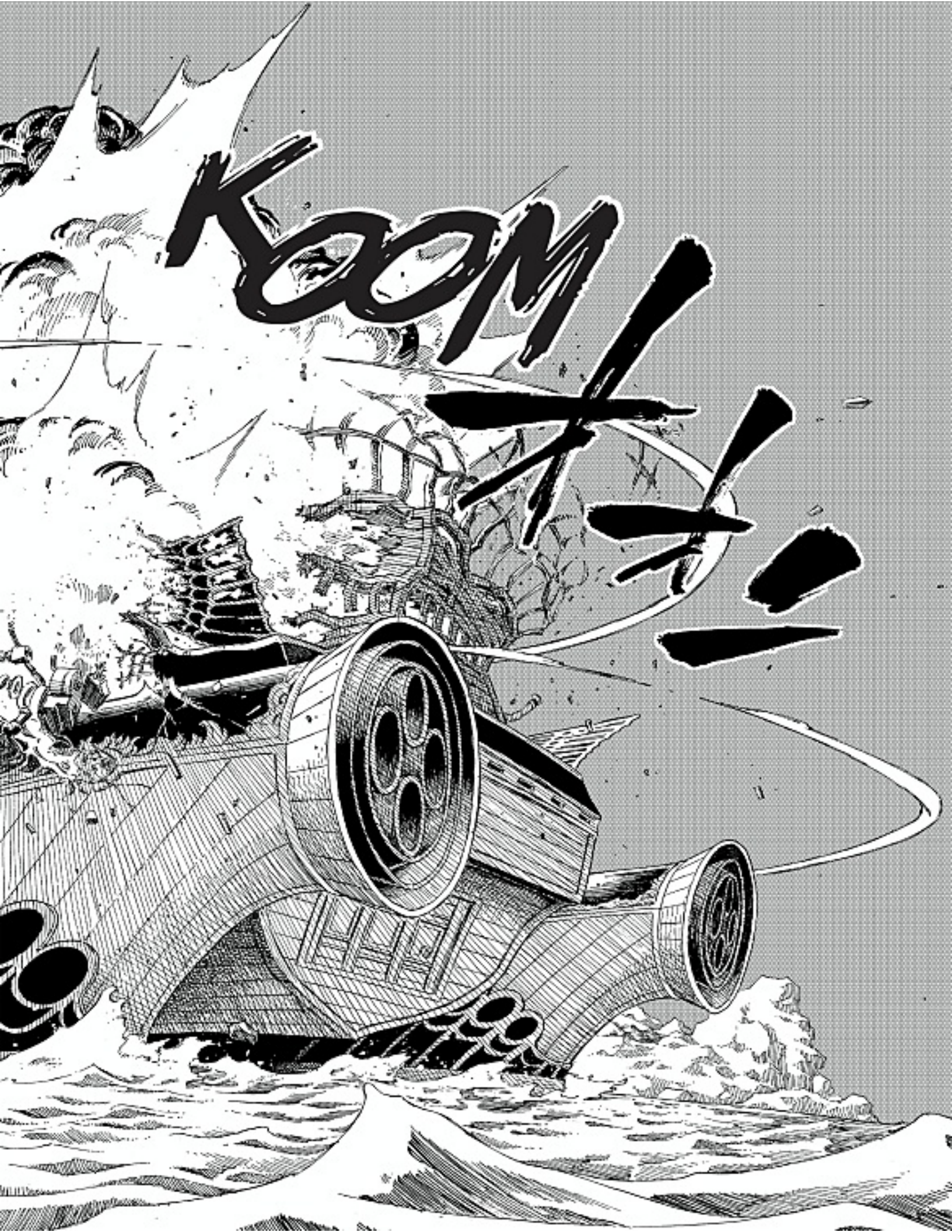












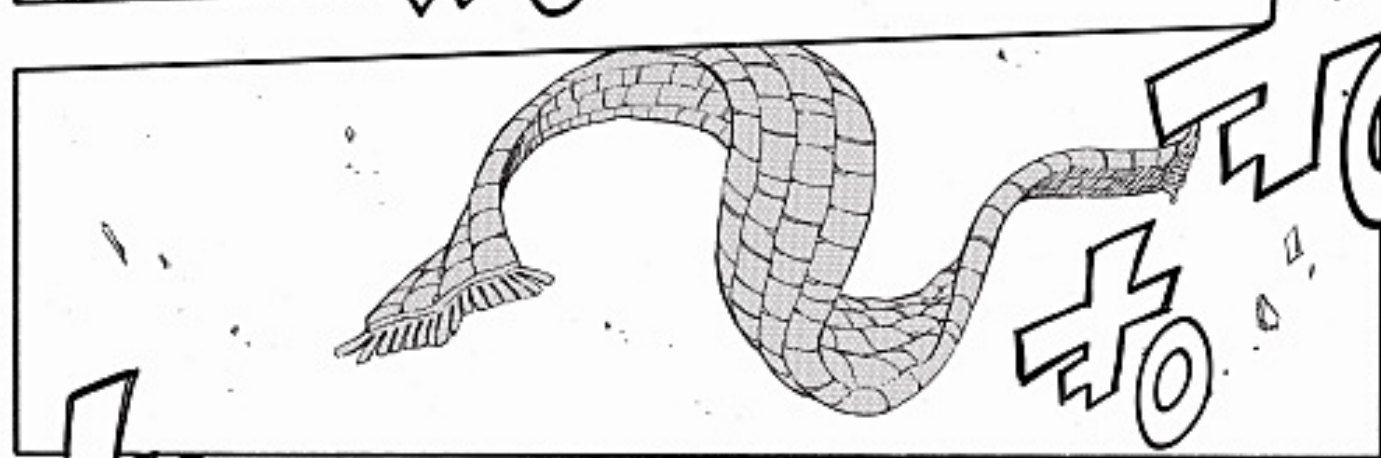
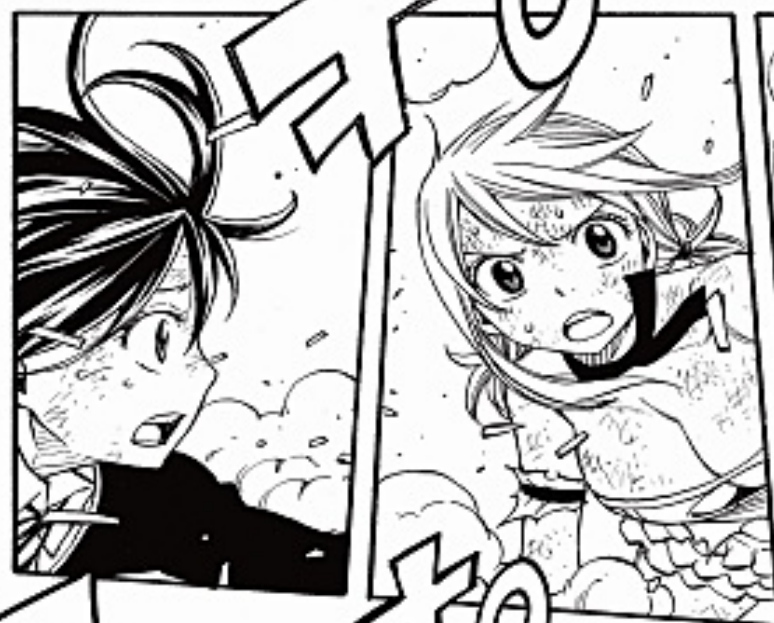
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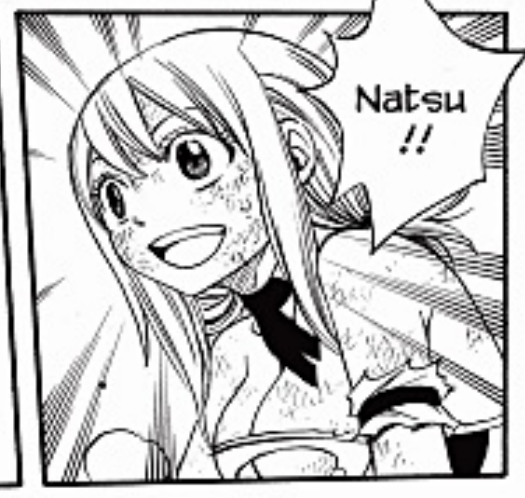
Chapter 248: Dawn on Sirius Island











GONCH

.....!!!!

*Not
possible
....!!*



FSSHHH

GLUB

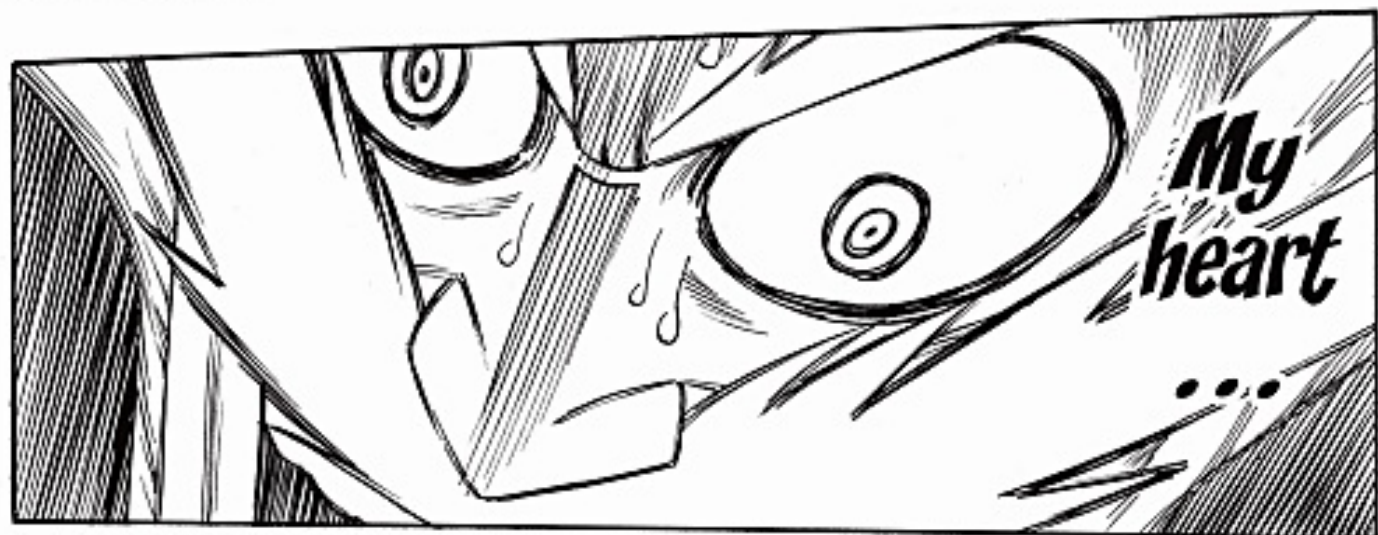
GLUB

GR TIREH ART

GLUB

GLUB

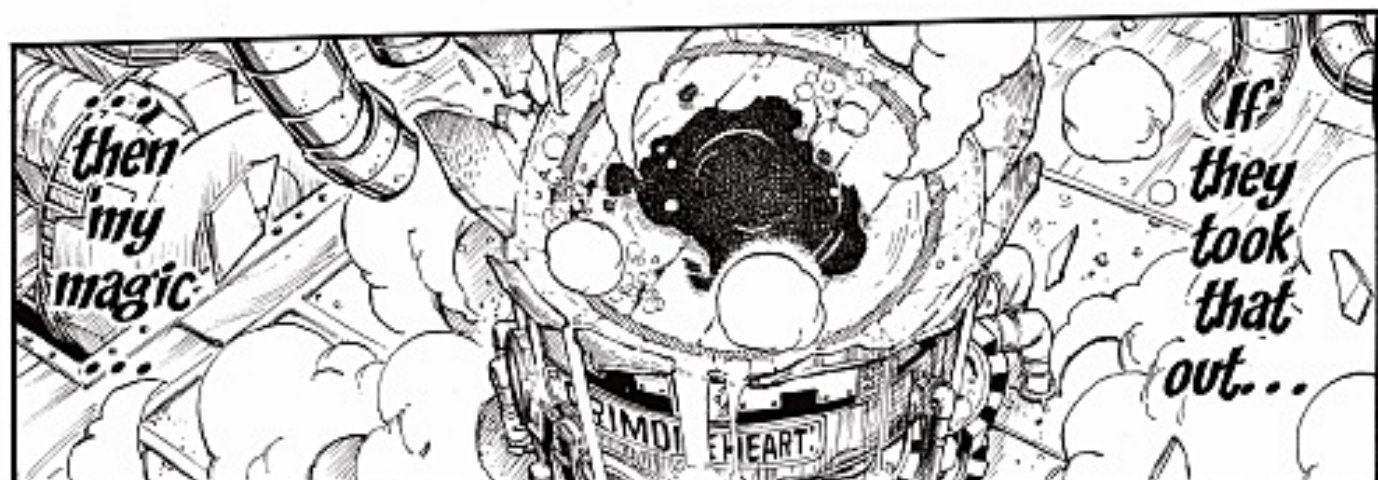


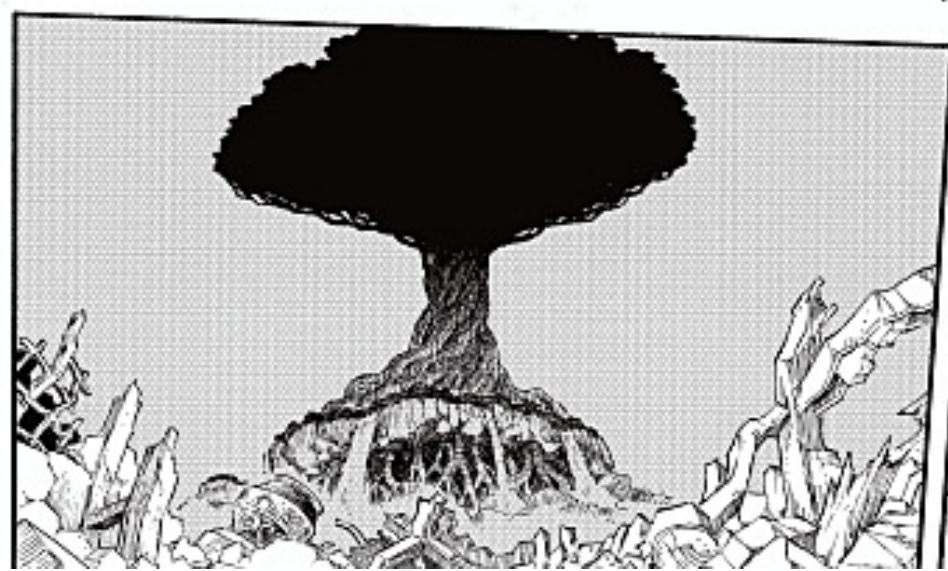


...lies in
the demon
"heart" he
has on his
ship. The
"Grimoire
Heart."

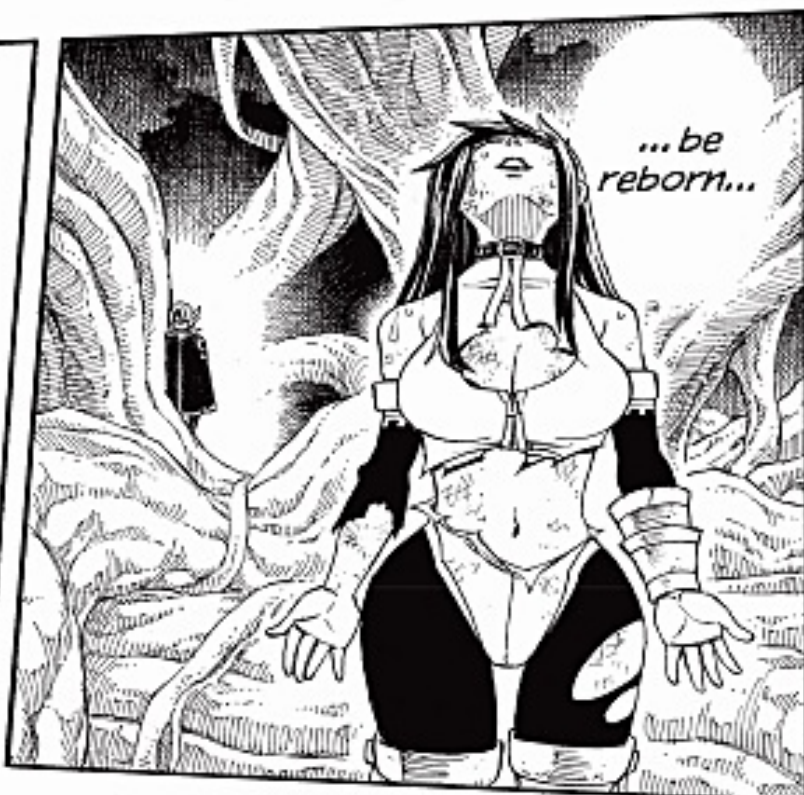
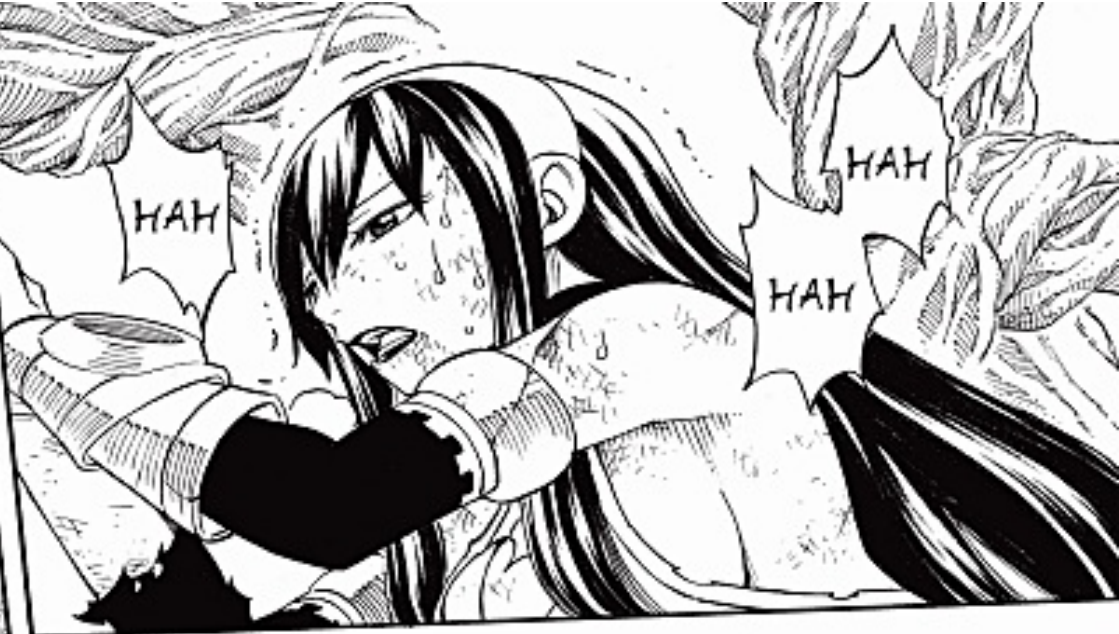


The secret
behind the
great magic
power and
long life
of Master
Hades...











GUH
!!!

I
N
A
!!!*

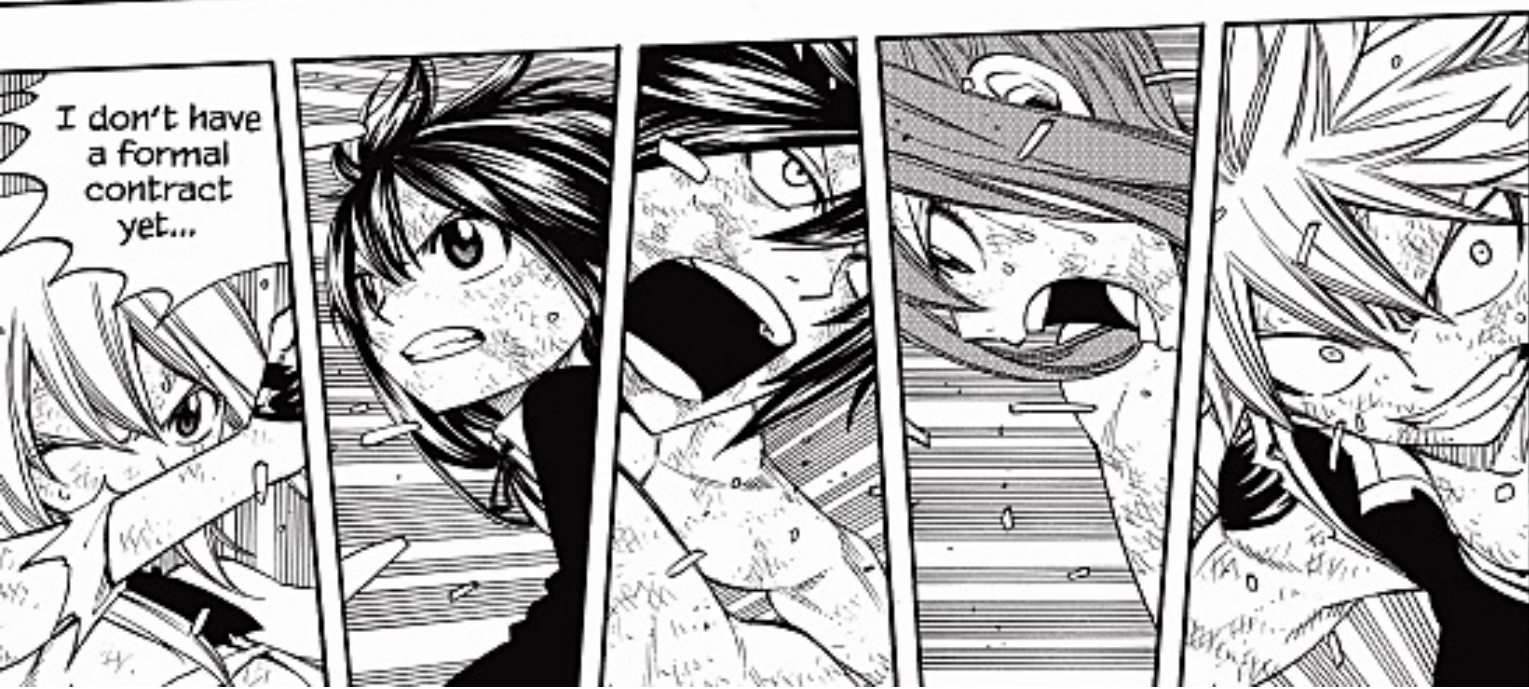
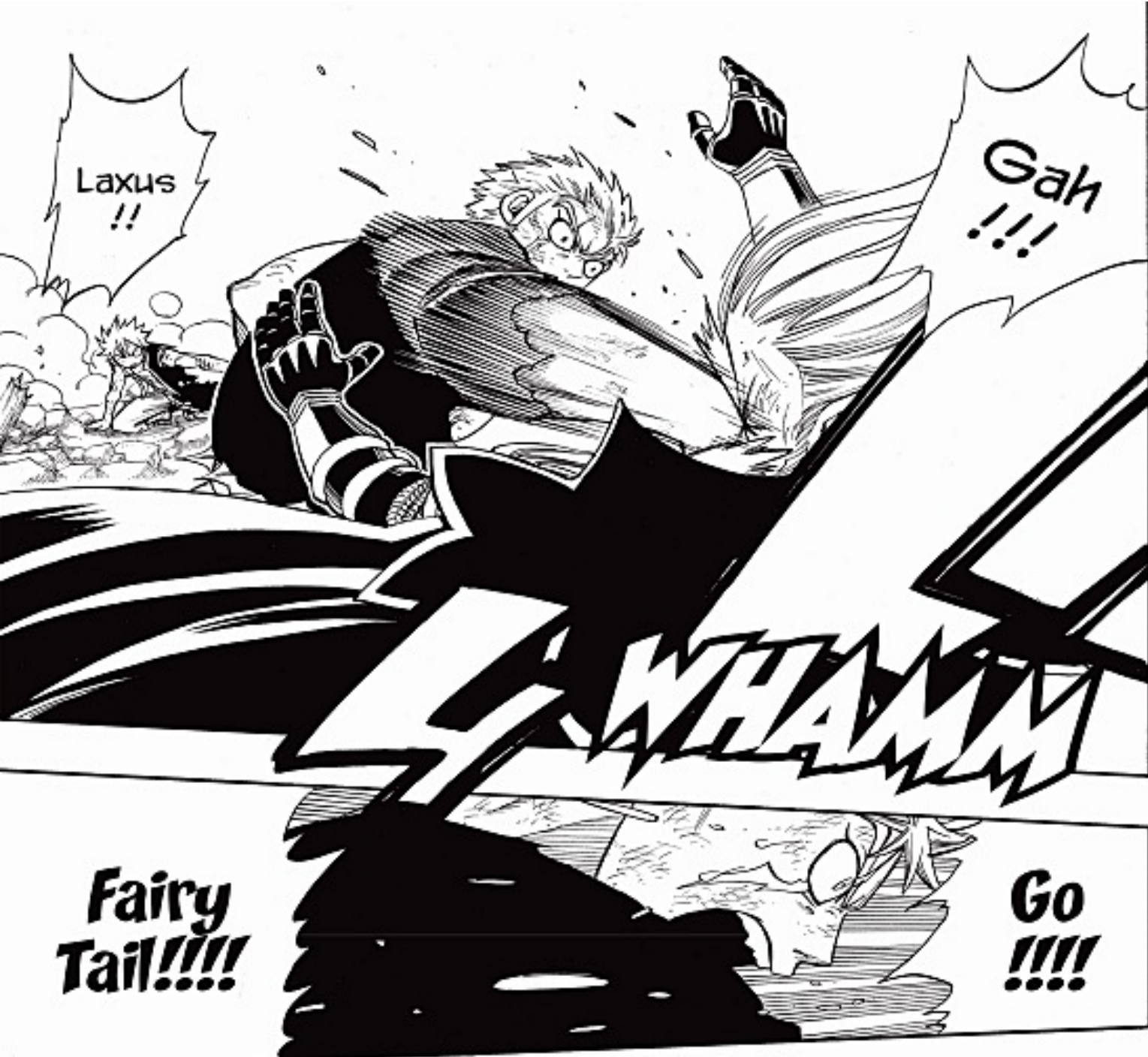
SLATCH

*Deny

WHAKOOM

I shall tread
the path of
magic, and
until I reach
the very
pinnacle
...

...the
devil in
me will
never
sleep
!!!!



NGUH
!!

GRATCH

I am
Lucy-sama's
Celestial
Spirit,
Capricorn
!!!!

I'll
follow that
example
!!

GAGH
!!



**Bah!
Zoldio is
in me no
longer!!!**

But
open!!!
Gate
of the
Caprine
Palace
!!!!

**CAPRI-
CORN
!!!!**

It's
you
...



AAAAGH!!!



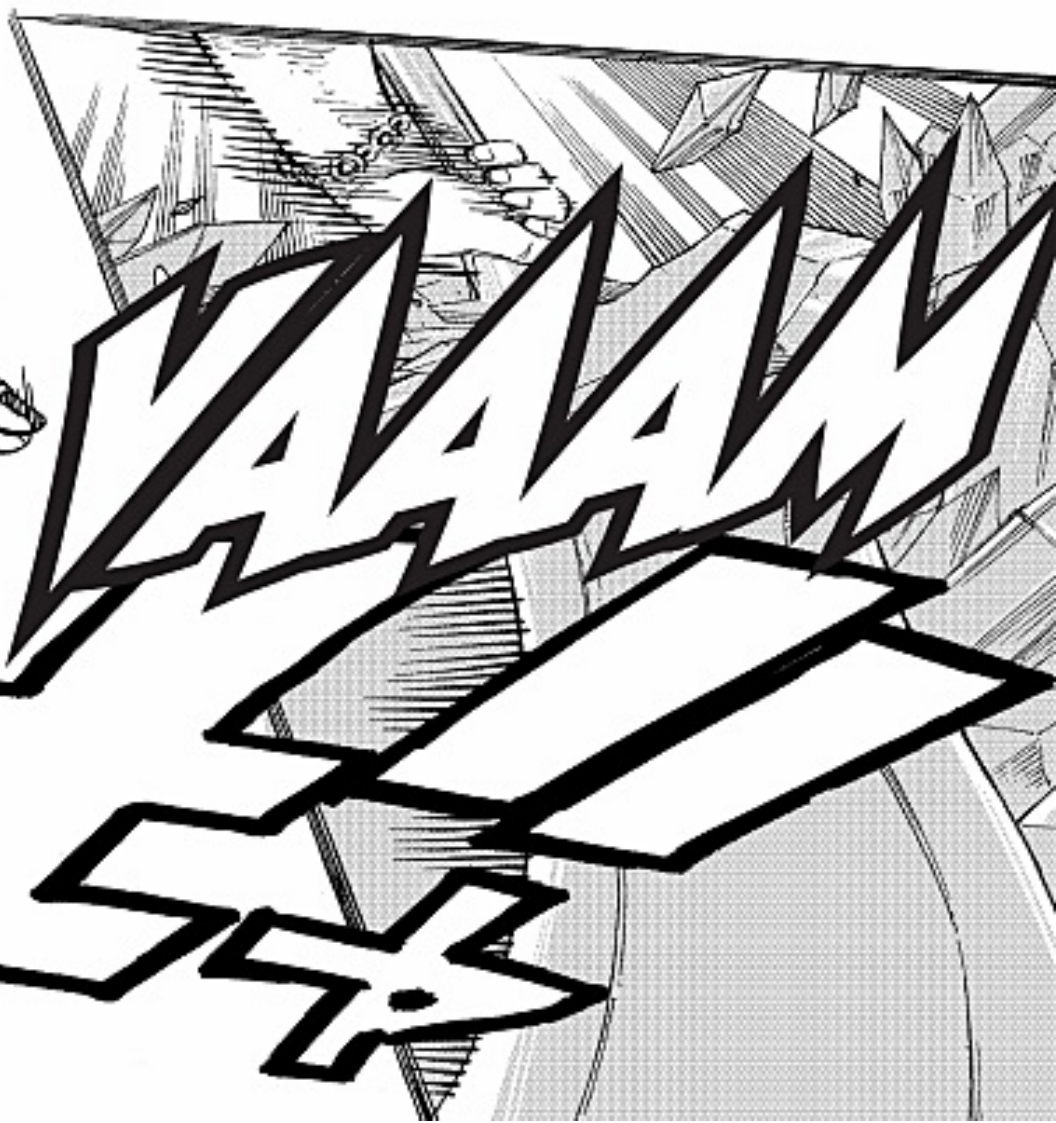
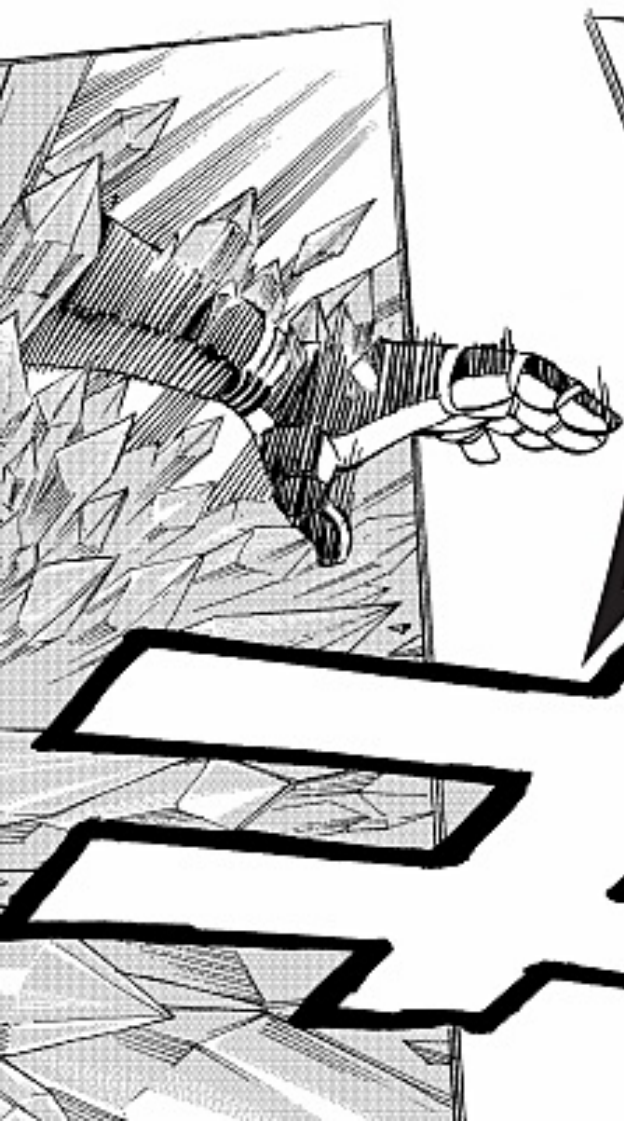




BU-
HEH
!!

GACHING

P!!







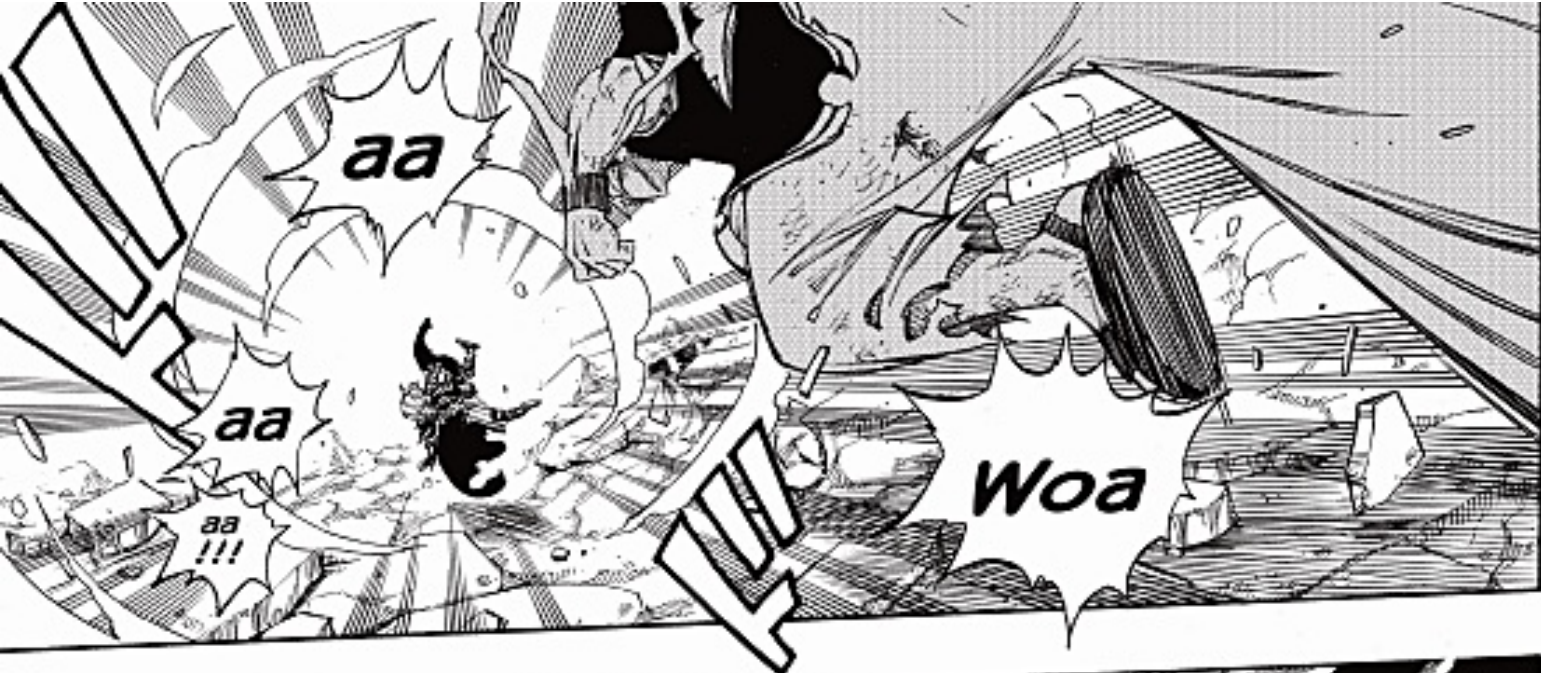
ZLASH

ZLASH

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TENRIN
PENTA-
GRAM
SWORD
!!!!!!

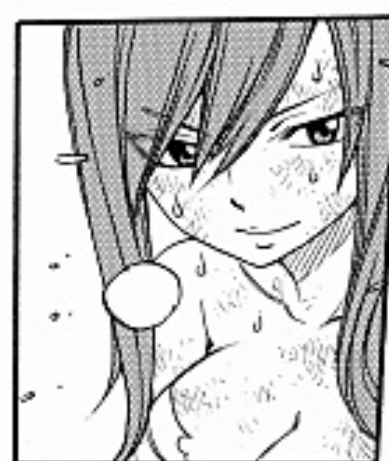
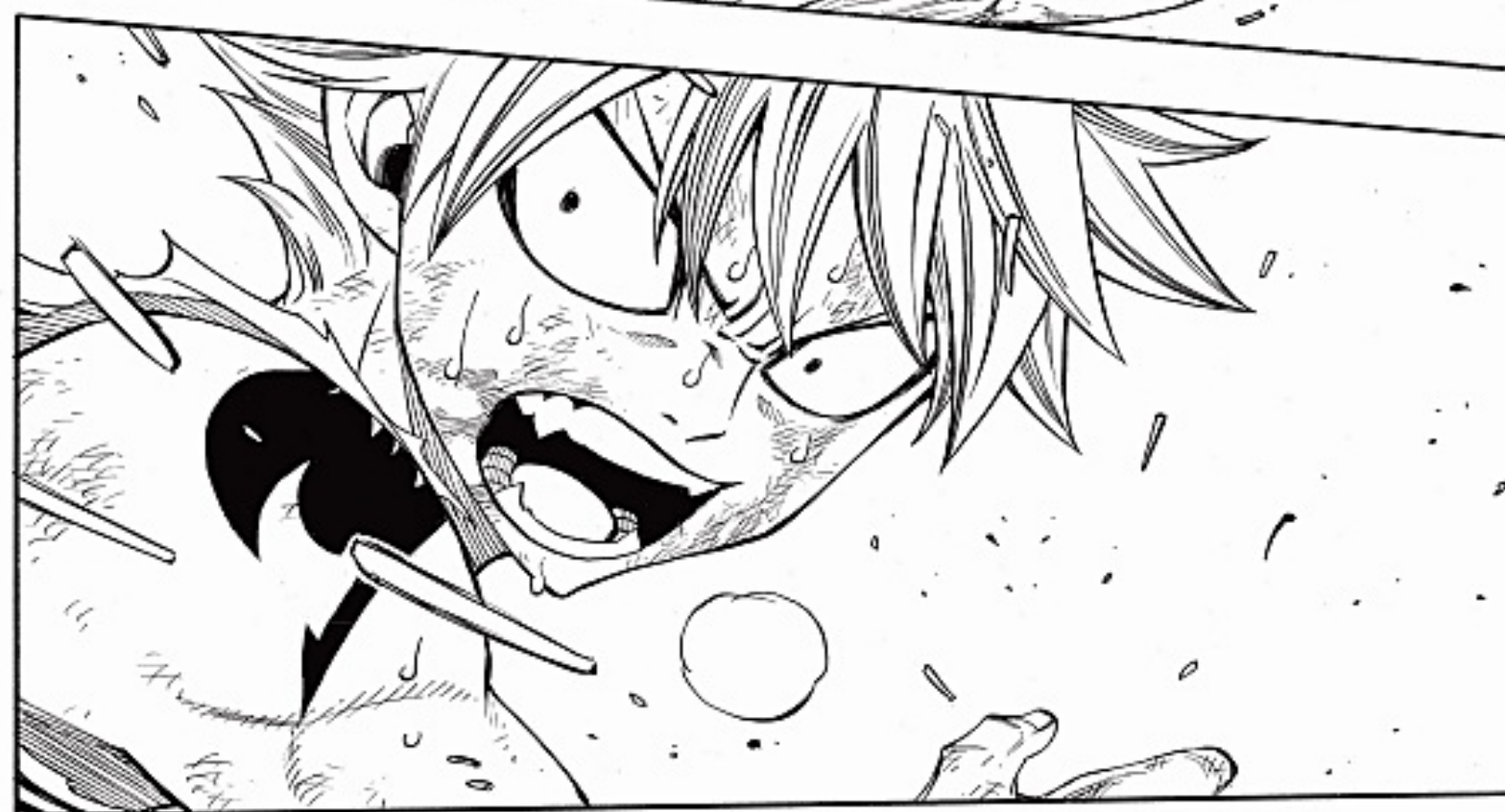


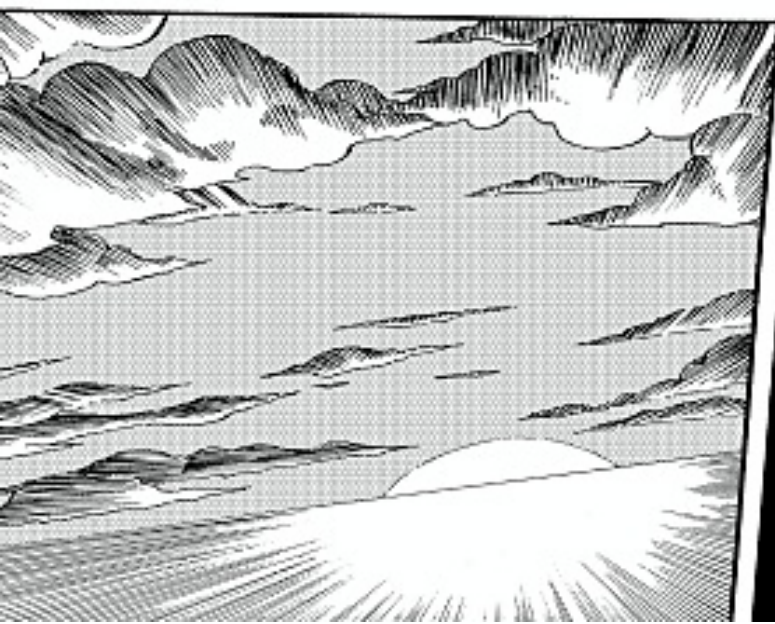






**GUREN
BAKU-
RAI-
JIN*
!!!!!!**







This
is *our*
guild
!!!!

TO BE CONTINUED

Afterword

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There were so few bonus pages this time! I'm sorry!! There was just nothing I could do about it. Now, I'm sure some of you already noticed, but there was a different version of Chapter 248 (Dawn on Sirius Island) in Shonen Magazine than you saw here. In this volume, I gave everyone really eye-catching double-page spreads for their ultimate attacks. I cut out one page (of the Magazine version) and added in nine more pages. It was a lot of work!! A while back with Chapter 128 (Fantasia), I did the same thing and made a "director's cut" version of the chapter. And if timing and conditions work out in the future, I'd like to do it again. I really love these added-page versions!

Speaking of add-ons, did you notice that the Edolas versions of Gajeel and Makarov were a part of the anime Fairy Tail? They were original episodes not in the manga, but they were a part of the "cut scenes" that I, through my tears, had to cut. But now they're reborn in the anime! I especially think the Edo-Gajeel came out to be a great character! Edo-Makarov was supposed to be there during the final plot twist. But the voice actor was the same, and I'll bet everyone noticed. If you don't understand what I'm talking about, check out the DVDs!!

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REJECTED
COLLECTION

1

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Fukuoka Prefecture, Taiga Hayama



▲ You must not eat him. Your stomach would explode.

Okayama Prefecture,
I Love to Be Rejected-san



▲ Wh-What is this?!!
Ichiya!! Meeen!!

Sabana Prefecture, Ase-chan



▲ Rejection Corner
pictures of Kain have
already become routine?!

Recently
there have
been so
many entries
aiming at the
"Rejection
Corner" that
we had no
choice -
NO CHOICE -
but to do
a special
rejection
collection.

Ibaraki Prefecture, Fairy



▲ Too strong? I-is that
right?

Hyogo Prefecture, Tenkō Ueda



▲ Really...? Well, too bad.
You're rejected.

Ibaraki Prefecture, Fuko Shimizu



▲ This one's scary! Make
sure you don't adopt him!

Hokkaido, Rinoa Yoshida



▲ N-No, I can't...! I'm
laughing!

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COLLECTION
2

FAIRY TAIL GUILD d'ART

No way!
I'm not
giving that
to any-
body!!



Fukuoka Prefecture, Tsunagi Kondo

I-is that
right...? I
feel sorry
for you...



Kanagawa Prefecture, Natsu

Okayama Prefecture, Hide Norita



I never
thought
anybody
would try
that hard
to be
rejected...

Aichi Prefecture, Yukim Umemura



Eh? ◀
Number-
one what?
I'm kind
of happy...
and kind of
scared...

Congrat-
ulations,
Blue
Note!



Fukuoka Prefecture, Tsunagi Kondo

I'm really
fond of how
Azuma is
drawn a lot
smaller than
everyone
else!



Aichi Prefecture, Shunsuke Sugawara

Kanagawa Prefecture, Natsu



You're
kidding! It's
the arrival
of the stray
dog!

Kyoto, Ruka Uemura



Cats + ◀
Rajin Tribe!!
I never even
dreamed of
this...

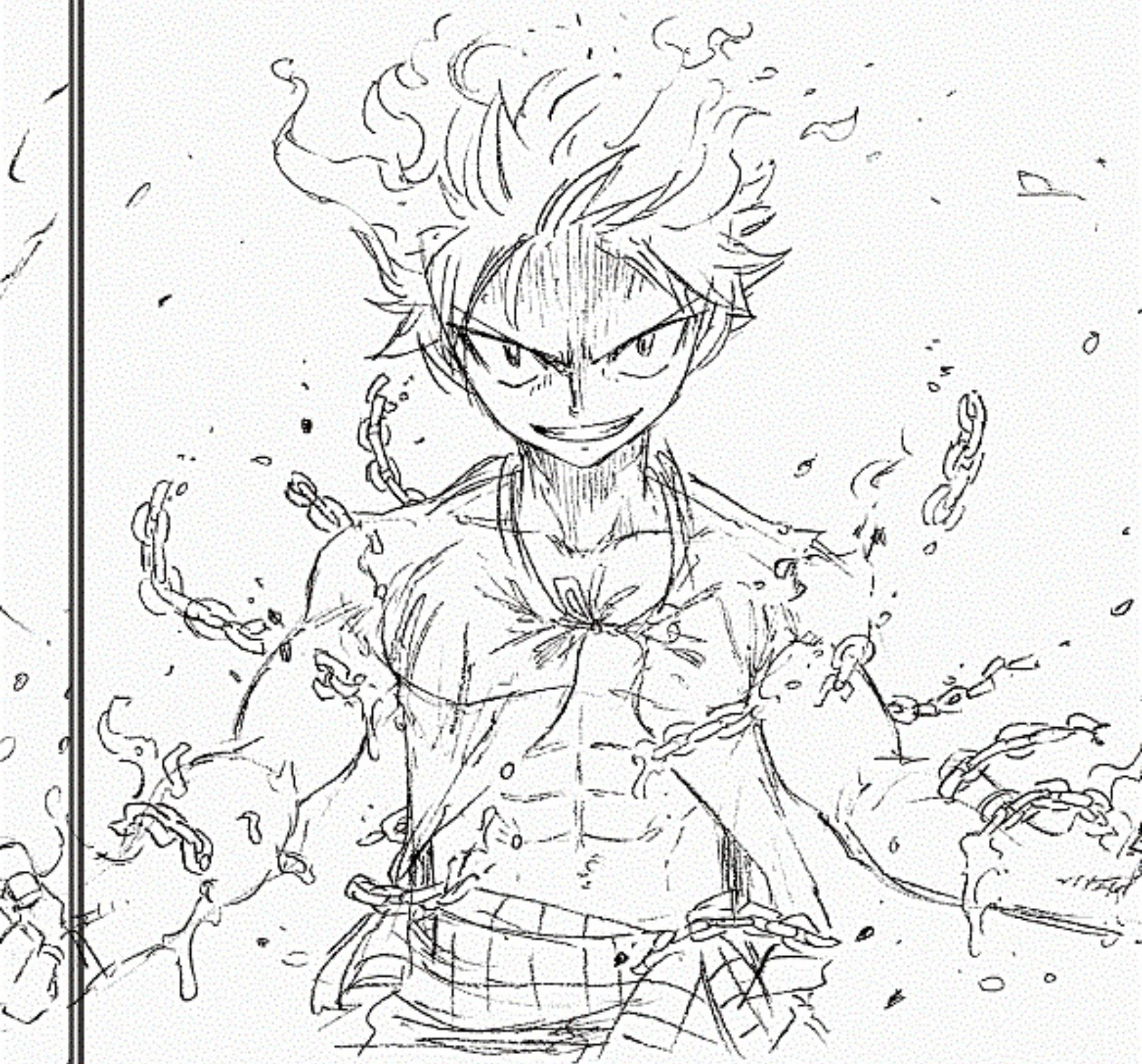
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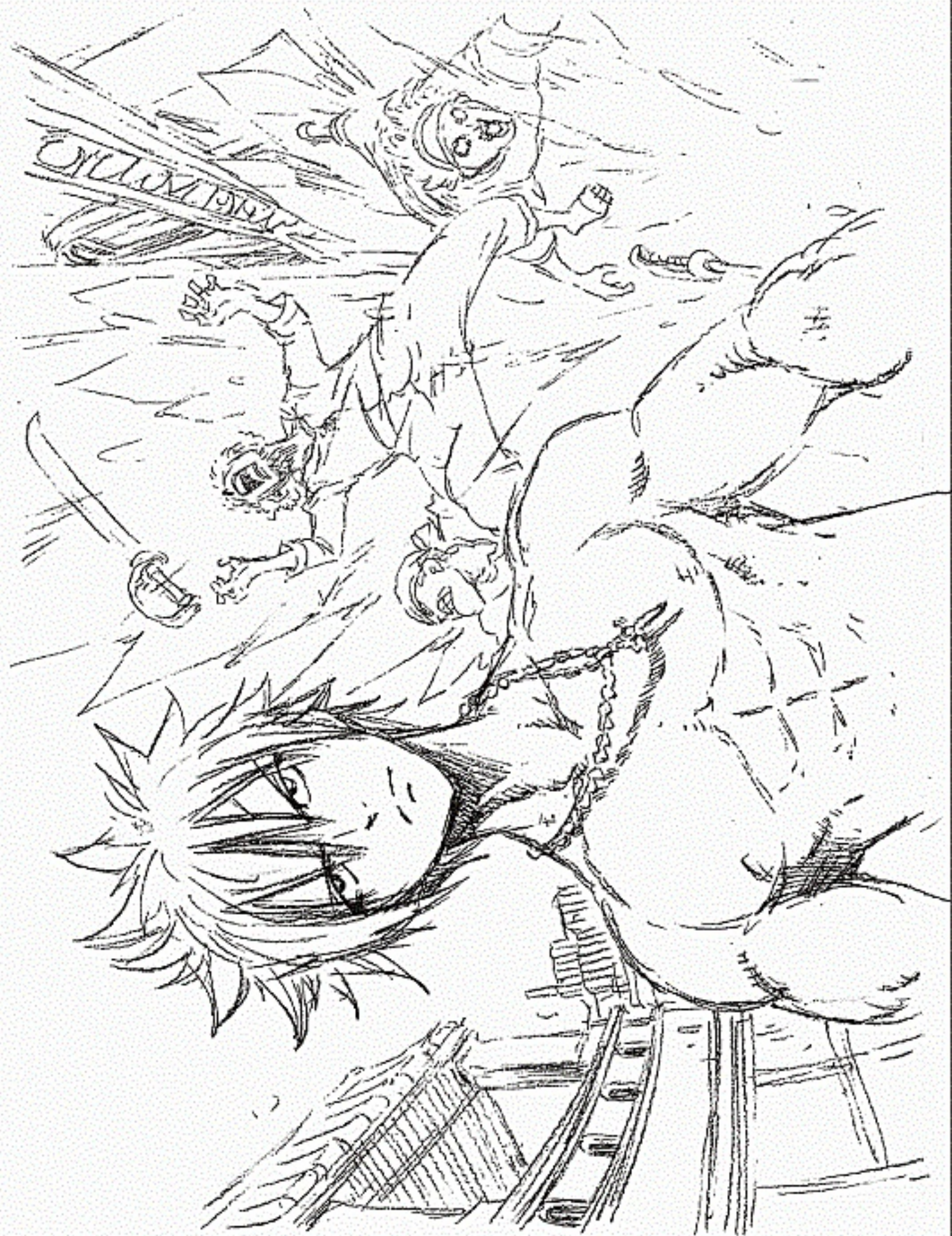
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FROM HIRO NASHIMA



Back row, left to right: Yoshikawa-sensei, me, Morikawa-sensei, Fukumoto-sensei, Seo-sensei, Nishimoto-sensei.
Front row, left to right: Yamamoto-sensei, Raiku-sensei.

As a part of a 24-hour TV event, I went to Fukushima for a signing. But I never thought for a second that I'd end up in this T-shirt! We couldn't sing or run around like the other entertainers, but we were determined to do our best to bring even just a smile to the survivors of the earthquake and tsunami with the power of manga. I went there with that in mind.

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 22, Rosenkrone

This attack name is made up of two German words, the word for "rose," and the word for "crown." The Japanese version of manga backs this up with *kanji* of the same meaning.



Page 114, Gungnir

Gungnir, in mythology, is the spear of the ruler of the Norse Gods, Odin. The spear appears in many songs and legends, as well as in Wagner's opera cycle, The Ring of the Nibelung.

Page 114, Exploding Thunder Sword

The previous "Guren" attack, "Guren Bakuenjin" (Blazing Backflash Sword) has an actual Japanese word, *bakuen*, in the attack name rather than just combination of *kanji* to make a new word. For this one too, *bakurai*, which literally means "exploding thunder," is also an actual Japanese word meaning "depth charge," the weapon that surface ships use against submarines.



**Stop right
there!**



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